



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS and CARERS NOVEMBER 2012

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half-term break, which I hope was a good one for you.

The clocks have gone back, November 5th has been and gone, the evenings are growing darker-please see the note following this about safety for students to and from school, particularly for Year 7- and we seem to have managed to squeeze a lot of practical work on the buildings in to the one week of the midterm break. Thanks in particular go to the school's site staff and cleaners, to the ICT team and of course to Border Construction for bringing us towards the completion of the current scheme.

What we have seen happening over half-term: the Carlol Bistro has been completed, and opened on Tuesday 6th to the delight of the Sixth Form students and all concerned. It will provide a throughout-the-day service of snacks and drinks, which the Sixth Form leaders and council has asked for. It provides a new office for Mrs Fleming, student manager, as well as more ICT facilities for the students to help in their studies. Meanwhile, the two Learning Resource Areas in the Sixth Form are being renovated this week too.

New windows have been going in particularly in the Margaret Sewell building, and in both main halls. A wall has started to be constructed along the eastern side of Zero Path to make the central part of the school site more private and secure. The conversion of the Margaret Sewell Hall into a theatre is almost there, and very impressive it should be too.

Maybe in the December edition of this publication, I will be able to write to let you know that it is all completed ...!

As you will read from Mrs Milligan, our Chaplain, the end of this week marks Remembrance and we keep this in school. As well as the two minutes' silence, we will have had an assembly on Friday morning for Year 7 with a piper and veterans with us. Just before 11am, the House Captains will join the chaplain and me for a short service at The Creighton War Memorial and the laying of a wreath there. On Monday, the Sixth form assemblies will see a laying of wreaths in the Devonshire Hall.

Next week, Mrs Hodgson, the Head of History, will update the school on the year's findings in the stories behind the names. You can find out more about this project on our website.

This newsletter also contains some accounts of the activities of the school before half term, and some dates for your diary, with information about what lies ahead in the six weeks leading up to Christmas. I hope that you will be able to be involved in these – your support is always welcome. Thank you for it.

Yours sincerely

Alan Mottershead

Headteacher

Coming to school and going home safely

As the darker nights are now upon us, can we please ask parents and carers to emphasise to students about the extra care needed when walking to and from school and when crossing roads. It is also a good idea for students to wear their coats when travelling to/from school so they don't sit in wet clothes all day if it is raining. Using – rather than carrying! – an umbrella could also help.

Extra-curricular activities continue even now that the clocks have gone back, and we shall be reminding students of the need for them to consider their own and others' safety as they make their way home.



Chaplaincy

Remembrance

For the Fallen

They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning,
We will remember them.
Laurence Binyon

Each year on 11th November, we keep the two minutes' silence as a school. There are services in the city centre on Friday 9th and on Sunday 11th this year at the war memorial. Many members of the school will take part on Friday and in other services in churches around the city. The country will also keep the silence to remember those who died, who were injured and all who served – and still serve today – to keep the peace, and to make the future of the world better than its past.

Trinity School is privileged to have three war memorials in school, two in Devonshire Hall, and one in the old Creighton entrance. Mrs Hodgson has led research on these memorials to find the stories there too. We already know that one of them was a spy and was parachuted behind enemy lines, and one a Spitfire pilot.

'No one has any greater love than this: that he lays down his life for his friends.'
John's Gospel Chapter 15 verse 13

Mrs Milligan Chaplain

Information for Parents and Carers

Practicalities

Year 7 –Changes to groupings in ART, CDT, HE and Learn to Learn

Starting from Monday 11th November, Y7 students will be placed into new teaching sets for Art, CDT, HE and Learn to Learn classes. The new groups are based on assessments from assignments which have been undertaken since September. This will allow us to ensure that work is set at the correct level for your child to make good progress towards their end of year forecasts. During the year there will be opportunities for students to move across the groups as a result of continuous assessment.

Request for Holidays during Term Time

We are advised by the Local Authority that wherever possible, absence from school should be avoided as it can have a serious effect on your child's educational progress, and can create difficulties for them on their return to school, particularly if they are joining a new school or class.

If, after serious consideration of this, you still propose to take your child away from school for a holiday, it is important to note that **only the Headteacher can authorize that absence. Parents/carers cannot authorize the absence themselves.** Whenever possible therefore we would ask that family holidays should be arranged to take place during school holidays. Schools do have discretion to grant up to 10 days leave during term time, but before doing so they will consider your child's situation carefully. In considering a request, the school will take into account the child's age, the time of year of the holiday, the nature of the visit and parental wishes. The Headteacher will also consider the child's stage of education and progress and the child's overall attendance record. Headteachers will not authorize absence if they believe that your request is unreasonable and you must ensure that your request is made to the school **at least two weeks** before the start of the holiday. Only in **exceptional** circumstances can a Headteacher grant leave of more than 10 days in term time.

Where a family holiday during term time is agreed to be unavoidable, **it is vital** that it does not coincide with examinations or other important tests that your child has to take.

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.

Messages from home

In the afternoon we are now registering students with their class teachers at the start of period 4. This has many advantages, taking a double set of movements out of the middle of the day and allowing us to finish five minutes earlier. However, it has made passing messages from home to students during the school day a little more difficult. We would appreciate your help in only asking us to pass a message to your son/daughter if it is urgent. Thank you. **Mr Lythgoe**

Parking

A polite reminder to parents and carers - **please do not stop or park outside the school entrances on the double yellow lines or zigzag markings even to drop off or pick students up from school.** Although we only have one school bus, it does need to be able to stop by the kerb and not in the middle of the road. Waiting on double yellow lines or on the zigzags is causing hazards for students crossing the road, or getting onto the bus, and to residents on Strand Road. We are advised that traffic wardens will be visiting the area from time to time to try to improve the current situation.

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 **from December 2012.**

Art and Photography students

To all last year's art & photography exam students, you can now collect all your exam/coursework from the Art department. If you have a brother/sister who studied art or photography, who have since left school, please pass this message onto them.

Please contact your teacher/art dept. to arrange a time after school for collection. **Mrs J Giles**

GCSE Science

Science Revision guides available from school for £2.75 each. Payment accepted via ParentPay or at Main Reception.

Important initiatives

Home Learning website

The Home Learning website is now available to view online for Parents/Students/Teachers, at <http://trinity.cumbria.sch.uk/homelearning/> the site can also be reached via the link at the top of the school website: <http://www.trinity.cumbria.sch.uk/> **Mr Kelly**

Parent, Student and Staff Perception Survey

We are reflecting on our work as a school and have asked an independent company to organise a survey to gather the views of parents, students and staff. We have done this three times in the past and found it very useful in our work to improve Trinity School.

Questionnaires will be sent home for parents, with students, on Monday 12th November and we would ask that they are returned to school by the following Monday. Students will be given their questionnaires as homework on Friday 16th November and should be returned by Monday 19th November. The questionnaires take approximately ten minutes to complete; each completed questionnaire is really helpful in finding out what parents, carers, students and staff think and this makes a real difference to how we run the school and plan for the future. Thank you in anticipation for your help. **Mrs Johnston**

Recent Events

Year 11 Revision Skills

Students in Year 11 had their revision workshop just before half term. Students should now have an idea about their own learning style and have been given some suggestions to revise according to their learning style. Students were given a booklet with different ways of revising which we hope they will make use of when mock exams begin. We will make the slides used in the presentation to students available via the website. BBC Bitesize has a mind mapping facility which some students find helpful. This can be found using this link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/maps/index.shtml>

Year 12 Mentor Training

Approximately 40 Students in Year 12 volunteered to act as mentors for students in the lower school and have now been trained in school. They worked through a variety of activities and role play scenarios and will use these new skills with students very soon. Some have already acted as subject mentors where they worked with some Year 11 students two mornings a week as they prepared for their Maths GCSE.

The Uganda Project

Fundraising has now started to bring students from our partner school in Uganda over to Carlisle next July. Over 70 students from Years 11 and 12 have signed up to help with the Project and on Wednesday, 24 October they took part in Uganda Day. During break and lunchtime cakes were sold and there were many other stalls including a tombola, a raffle, guess the name of the bear and nail painting. Over £300 was raised on the day. Further events are planned and a 2013 calendar will be on sale later in the term. We would like to thank all parents for their continuing support of the project.

Mrs Jary

Carloli Bistro

This week saw the grand opening of the Carloli Bistro - a new purpose built learning and dining space exclusively for sixth form students. This new area combines a mix of flexible seating, IT equipment and bistro style dining. Sixth Form students have been actively involved throughout the project and have helped to design the space, choose the furniture and develop the catering offer. To celebrate the opening, students have been enjoying free tea and coffee which has been very well received! Students have all been extremely positive about the space and have been making excellent use of the facilities.

Mr Andrew Runciman (Assistant Headteacher – Sixth Form)

Year 7 Cathedral Visits

The Service of Welcome and Thanksgiving for our new Year 7 students and their parents/carers took place in Carlisle Cathedral by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter. On entering the Cathedral each student was presented with a copy of the New Testament by the Gideons. The service was led by Canon Michael Manley and consisted of a welcome and introduction by the Headteacher, Mr Mottershead. There followed a simple but delightful service of prayer, songs and readings.

Visit of the Rising Sun Trust

As part of their Personal Development studies, Year 9 students were involved in a day of work helping them raise their awareness of drug and alcohol misuse. During the day, students visited different workshops which were led by members of the Rising Sun Trust. They learnt about how drug use affects the user and people around them. The day closed with an emotional talk by the founder of the Rising Sun Trust, Mr. Dave Smith.

Visit of the Cumbria Army Cadet Force

The commander of the Cumbria Army Cadet Force, Tom McMullen, visited school and spoke to students in Years 8 and 9 about the Army Cadets. He was assisted by 4 serving members of the force who attend Trinity School and who confidently described the activities they take part in and the benefits they felt they gain from it. Many students were inspired by what they heard and visited a lunchtime display with many collecting leaflets and application forms.

Apple Day

Following the countrywide Apple Weekend, Monday, 22nd October was our Apple Day at Trinity. Our Fruit-full Schools Co-ordinator, Anthea Stevenson, was with us from 10:00 am working with some Year 7 classes. There were free apples in school and in the afternoon some primary school students joined us to learn more about looking after our orchards, etc. There was also apple peeling and apple juice tasting. It was all about local varieties rather than supermarket standard types of apple; we also considered the impact of the very wet summer on crop production (the apple harvest is down about 25% . . .) and how we should proceed to the caring for our own apple trees.

Forthcoming events

Anti-Bullying Week – 19th to 23rd November

We will be holding assemblies with an anti-bullying theme and selling wrist bands to support 'BeatBullying' during the week. BeatBullying is a charity that works with children and young people across the UK to stop bullying. Their aims are to:

- empower young people deeply affected by bullying
- help young people to support each other
- help young people that bully to change their attitudes and behaviour

You might like to check out www.beatbullying.org for further information. There is a Frequently Asked Questions section written to help parents. Starting that week, Channel 4's youth drama Hollyoaks is set to explore the issues around bullying, cyber bullying and the related problems of social media in a digital age in a challenging story-line and special online project.

Mr Lythgoe

Year 8 Freeze Morning

Year 8 will have their first Freeze morning in December based around an extension to the Learn to Learn course they did in Year 7. Students will have to do lots of thinking to solve a mystery...

Learning Theme

The learning theme for this half term is the **Five Rs** (Reflective, Resilient, Resourceful, Responsible, Reasoning) and the **Five Cs** (Team roles – Coordinator, Charter, Creator, Clarifier, Communicator) Students continue to be rewarded across the school using the Five Rs and this information is sent out with interims. There will be a greater emphasis on team work as we approach Christmas. Students in Year 7 will learn more about this in Learn to Learn lessons and the Freeze Day planned for 6th December.

Year 7 Freeze Day – Tuesday 4th December

The next freeze day for Year 7 will be based on the five Rs and five Cs and will follow an Olympic theme. We have a former Olympian (Matt Wells, Team GB rowing) coming in to school for the day to work with Year 7 and he will be involved in various activities for the year group on that day. We are organising part of the day around a “have a go” theme where students will get to try some sports they have not tried before like cheerleading or wake boarding. Students will learn more about the characteristics of successful learners and will work in teams using the five C model.

Five Hundred Miles for Uganda

To continue the fund-raising for the Uganda project, Mr Stables has pledged to cycle to work and home again for 100 days continuously, a total of 500 miles, up to the end of February. Members of the school community are asked to sign up to sponsor him for a flat amount of five pounds, payable at the end of the one hundred days. It is hoped to raise close to five thousand pounds. The Uganda group for the next visit will then decide how the money raised will be spent in our twinned schools in Uganda.

If you would like to pledge five pounds, please contact Mr. Stables at gsb@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk

North Cumbria Recitals - Thursday, 22nd November

Jack McNeill, a former student of Trinity, has a forthcoming recital with his new classical trio, as part of the North Cumbria Recitals at St Cuthbert's Church, Carlisle on Thursday, 22nd November 2012. Further details can be found on the website:

<http://northcumbriarecitals.weebly.com/recitals.html>

Please do support Jack alongside Christina Bean and Melissa Morris who make up The McNeill Trio.

Children in Need Day – Friday 16th November



Next week, in the build up to Children in Need on Friday, the Houses will be selling wristbands and Pudsey bear keyrings.

Trinity Arts and Trinity Theatre Company

'Hamlet' – Shakespeare Schools Festival – 19th November

This year we are presenting a half hour version of 'Hamlet'. We have given the play a contemporary angle, using things such as texting, headphones, hoodies and a live band. The performance takes place at Keswick Theatre by the Lake at 7pm on Monday 19th November. If you would like to come and support the thirty students involved, tickets are available from the Theatre Box Office - Tel. No. 01768 774411

Our Christmas Concert is on Wednesday 19th December starting at 7pm in school. Further information will be provided in the December Newsletter.

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

This Service is one of the highlights of the school year in which the school and parents/carers and the Cathedral come together to celebrate the festival of Christmas.

SPORTS NEWS

New Girls Zumba Club – Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm - Main Gym (Opposite the Arena)

Zumba combines Latin and International music with a fun and effective workout.

The session is open to girls from Year 7 -13 and will start on Thursday 8th November.

Come along and have a go! Staff welcome too ... the headteacher has given his apologies..!

Inter-Form Cross Country – Boys

Year 8

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| 1 st 8JHA | – | 46 points |
| 2 nd 8MFI | – | 54 points |
| 3 rd 8MBO | – | 88 points |
| 4 th 8SSC | – | 115 points |

Individuals: 1 Kieron Reynolds (JHA), 2 Aldo Renucci (JHA), 3 Lewis Stephenson (MFI)

Year 9

1st 9RIR – 49 points

2nd 9LHO – 75 points

3rd 9 JLY – 90 points

4th 9 JST – 99 points

Individuals: 1 Aidan Whatman JLY, 2 Rhys Graham LHO, 3 Michael Coulthard RIR

Year 9

1st 9TSN – 63 points

2nd 9JMY – 68 points

3rd RDI – 81 points

4th 9DWB – 101 points

Individuals: 1 Adam Robinson RDI, 2 Seth Wright JMY, 3 Ben Davison TSN

Football

U15 County Cup - Trinity 3 RRCA 3 after extra time; RRCA won on penalties

U13 Carlisle League - Trinity 1 RRCA 5

U18 County Cup - Trinity 0 William Howard 3

National Cup Round 3 Under 16 Boys - Trinity 2 Cockermouth 0

Trinity now play Nelson Thomlinson in the next round.

Carlisle Schools Football

Congratulations to Dylan Atkinson, Joseph Lightfoot, Lee Jessamine, Carl Jessamine and Brady Wisser who have been selected to represent Carlisle Schools' Under 14 team.

Rugby

Under 15 Trinity 55 RRCA 7

Under 13 Trinity 47 RRCA 5

Under 14 County Cup

Trinity 50 William Howard 26

Rugby – Daily Mail Cup Round 3

Under 18: Nelson Thomlinson 8 Trinity 17

Under 15: Stainburn 17 Trinity 10

County Cup

Under 13: Trinity 46 William Howard 0

Under 14: Austin Friars 10 Trinity 38

County Rugby

Congratulations to Vincent Lung who represented Cumbria Under 16 Rugby team against Northumberland.

Under 16 Girls Hockey

The Under 16 Girls Hockey team travelled to Casterton to play in the Cumbria schools final. They qualified for this event having won the North Cumbria tournament. The first match was always going to be difficult - Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale have reached National Finals in previous competitions. The more experienced side dominated the match and Trinity lost their first game 5-0. Trinity's second match was against Keswick; both teams had chances but the match finished 0-0. Both Keswick and Queen Katherine (Kendal) also lost 5-0 against Queen Elizabeth and as they drew when they played each other, the final match between Trinity and Queen Katherine would decide which team went through as runner up. Trinity soaked up the early pressure from the Queen Katherine girls, with Shani Brook in goal making some good saves before a break from Philippa Harmison, who ran almost the full pitch, resulted in a goal in Trinity's favour. Trinity became more confident and this was evident in their play with more shots on goal. Reece Dixon was unlucky not to score before Philippa scored her second goal. Although Queen Katherine got one goal back, Trinity held on and the win ensured they will progress to the North West finals in November. We wish them well.

Team: Shani Brook (GK) Caitlin Beattie, Anna Lightfoot, Jenna Graham, Natasha Prangnell, Rebecca Morley, Lucy Anderson, Philippa Harmison, Reece Dixon, Molly Davy, Alex Jefferson and Sophie Ritchie.

Hockey

Congratulations to Philippa Harmison who represented the North of England in Hockey's 'Futures Cup' – which sees the very best talent from across England brought together. Philippa now has to wait until 18th November to see whether she has been selected for England training; we wish her all the best.

Cycling

Whilst most students will have been having a relaxing week, Ellie Dickinson in Y10 has been away training with the GB cycling Talent team – a real taste of what's to come if she continues being so successful in her sport.

Trampolining

Last weekend the North of England Trampolining Championships took place at Ashington. A number of Trinity students competed over the two days as part of the Carlisle Trampoline Club squad. There were excellent performances which saw many of the trampolinists in either individual, team or synchronised pairs in medal winning positions in both individual and synchronised events.

Both boys who took part in the individual competitions - Robert McSkeane in the Under 13 Group and Charles Armstrong in the Over 15 section came second and third which was fantastic as it was their first time at the Northern Championships.

In the Under 15 Girls category Lucy Jefferson and her partner from RRMA finished in second position for the third year running being beaten by a trampolinist who trains with the GB Team and her partner.

In the Over 15 Girls Synchro Sadie Brunskill and Alex Jefferson came second to Olympian, Kat Driscoll and her partner, Kat was third in the recent World Championships for synchro, both girls gave a sterling performance and were delighted with their podium finish.

Alex Jefferson came second in the Over 15 category narrowly missing out on being North of England Champion for her age group by only 0.7 points which separated first and second place.

Well done to all students below who took part.

Robert McSkeane Laura Robinson Imogen Clark Lucy Jefferson Daisy Graham
Charles Armstrong Alex Jefferson Sadie Brunskill Jessie Andrews Sam Forster

Inter – Schools Show Jumping Competition – Sunday 23 December

Following on from the regions first ever inter-school show jumping competition earlier this term, when Trinity were represented by Sophie Weedall, Kirsty Norwood, Molly Waugh, Lauren Robertson, Rhianna Hughes, Holly Harrison, Helena Wood, Molly Davy, Emma Gorman and Georgina Carruthers. The second competition has been arranged and is due to take place on 23 December. Entry forms are available from Main Reception in school for teams of four. Good Luck to you all!

Netball City Tournament

Under 13 - The Trinity A team were the winners, having played 5 matches and won them all.

The B team played 5, winning 3 and losing 2. Well done to all involved.

Squads:

A team squad: Jessica Elliot, Meg Burns, Ellie Morton, Lucy Morton, Ella Morley, Sara Gibson, Jodi Leeson, Grace Singleton, Grace Tyson and Kyra Walton,

B team squad: Ellen Kirkup, Lucy Jefferson, Imogen Longcake, Emma Little, Helen Moffatt, Nell Attwood, Catherine Phillip, Rachel McDonald, Bryony Allen

Trinity won both the Under 14 and Under 16 City tournaments; these are the first rounds of the National Cup and so both teams will represent Carlisle and District in the county finals next month at Sedbergh School. The results were as follows:

Under 14

Trinity 2 Newman 1; Trinity 3 Caldew 0; Trinity 5 William Howard 2

Squad: Chloe O'Neill, Dayna Goodall, Lily Wilson, Abigail Crooks, Phoebe Wilson, Ellie Walsh and Kate Lawson

Under 16

Trinity 9 Newman 0; Trinity 9 Caldew 0; Trinity 5 William Howard 3; Trinity 12 RRCA 0.

Squad: Libby Sander, Jenna Graham, Emma Walker, Lucy Anderson, Chloe Squire, Hannah Hayes and Anna Lightfoot.

DATES for the 2012/2013 School Year

| First Day of Term | Last Day of Term | Half Term Week |
|---|--|--|
| 2012 Autumn Term | Thursday 20 th December 2012 | |
| 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 |

DIARY DATES

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| W/c Monday 12 th November | Global Entrepreneurship Week |
| Monday 12 th November | Theatre Workshop 'Frantic Assembly' |
| Thursday 15 th November | Year 13 Reports to Parents Year 7 Trip to St John's in the Vale Northern Stage, Theatre Trip |
| Friday 16 th November | Sixth Form Art and Photography Trip Kirkland Rowell Survey |
| Monday 19 th November | Shakespeare Schools Festival – 'Hamlet' at Keswick at 7.00pm. |
| Thursday 22 nd November | Year 13 Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 28 th November | Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip to Liverpool/Morecambe |
| Thursday 29 th November | Year 11 Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 12 th December | Year 12 Parents' Evening |
| Monday 17 th December | Carol Service – Carlisle Cathedral |
| Wednesday 19 th December | Christmas Concert |
| Thursday 20 th December | Last Day of Term |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS | |
| Monday 7 th January 2013 | First day of term |
| Tuesday 8 th January | Year 11 ACE Day |
| Wednesday 9 th January | Sixth Form exams begin |
| Thursday 10 th January | Results for November entries |
| Tuesday 15 th & Wednesday 16 th January | Staff Play: 'Black Comedy' |
| Monday 28 th January | Sixth Form exams end |
| Wednesday 30 th January | Year 7 Parents' Evening |
| Tuesday 5 th February | Sixth Form Open Evening |
| Wednesday 6 th February | Trinity Unplugged |
| Thursday 7 th February | Year 10 Intermediate Maths Challenge |
| Friday 8 th February | Break up for Half Term |
| HALF TERM | |

Some dates may be subject to change.



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Health and Fitness @ Trinity Leisure Centre

Bodyweight Burn

Tuesdays: 6.00-6.30pm

Wednesdays

Time: 7.15-8.00pm

Teen Training – Gym Tuition for 13 – 15 year olds

2 Day Course (3 hours in total)

Courses run on the following days:

Monday and Tuesday: 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday and Thursday: 4.30pm – 6.00pm

2 Fridays: 4.30pm – 6.00pm

2 Saturdays: 10.30am – 12.00pm

Visit Trinity Leisure Reception for booking information or call 01228 403565

