



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS and CARERS SEPTEMBER 2012

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome, everyone, to the new school year. Welcome especially to families joining us for the first time, with students coming into Year 7 or Year 12 ... or those in between. We hope that this is a very happy and successful year for us all.

Welcome also to new staff joining us this September:

Mr Runciman joins us as Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for the Sixth Form and developing our links within the business community. We have three new members of the Science department: Mr Gibbs, Mr Lindner, and Mr Davidson, and two new members of the English department, Ms Cheung and Ms Irwin. Mr Hodson arrives as Geography teacher and Ms Mildon to teach French and Italian.

Five new Learning Support Assistants are with us: Ms Feddon, and Mrs Robson, Ms Cuthbert, Mrs Lund and Mr Askew. Ms Riley has joined the school to teach Maths and Ms Ashton to teach Law in the Sixth Form. Ms Ball joins us as History teacher and two new colleagues arrive to begin the Graduate Teacher Training Programme in the school: Mrs Orton and Mrs McNeil. We also welcome Mr Kavanagh as Cleaning Supervisor.

We hope that they will all be happy and successful in the school and we look forward to the contribution that they will make.

It has been an exciting start to the new school year! Year 7 students have made a very good impression in their first week – well done to them – as have the new Year 12 gathering in the Sixth Form, where numbers have reached almost 400.

We were glad to be part of the 'Mysterious' event at The Sands Centre last Saturday, organized by the family of Michael Knight. We had Steve Baldwin, the Hollywood actor, chatting with students, signing autographs and posing for photographs with students on Friday lunchtime in The Margaret Sewell Courtyard – a bit of a surprise to many! Especially as there was a professional skateboarder and two illusionists there as well – something out of the ordinary indeed.

It was also great to be involved with the Tour of Britain when it came to Carlisle on Wednesday. Several students and staff took part and the whole of Year 7 and many other students as well lined Georgian way to see Messrs Wiggins and Cavendish and co. We will follow this up with local clubs and bring some bikes into school to see if we can encourage more of our students to be involved.

The summer's work on the school has been going very well. As you may have seen from Georgian Way, a lot of demolition has taken place, and, by bringing that forward, we have been able to cut costs on that part of the scheme to allow further developments as the project nears completion. This includes the transformation of The Margaret Sewell Hall into a professional standard theatre, to go alongside our new Drama Studio and Music Room. Much more to do, but it is delight for the school ...

...that His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent will be visiting the school to declare us open and to celebrate with us the partnerships which have brought the rebuilding of the school into being. More details soon... Tuesday 2nd October will be the day...

Best wishes to everyone for a very good year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Alan Motteshead

Headteacher

Examination Results

GCSE

GCSE results have always been good, but they made a significant move ahead in 2010, even by our own high standards, and they have sustained that in 2011 and into the new demands of 2012. We are delighted for our students, whose hard work has produced such good successes for them. Highlights from 2012 saw English and Maths both move their C grade or above figure higher than 70% and we were pleased that 98% of our students gained five or more A*-G passes, an excellent indicator for us of our commitment to success for all. We were also delighted by the range of courses, such as Engineering and Childcare, which are more vocational and less traditional, but give different students a real chance to shine – and they did.

Well done to all.

A Level

We have a large and vibrant Sixth Form and our students have a strong track record of progressing to universities or employment and further training. Our A level results have placed us in the top 25% of schools nationally, with significant improvements being sustained over the past five years. A level results in 2012 saw over 120 students gain the grades they needed to move on to university places with confidence, including Oxford and Cambridge, Durham and St Andrews. We have enjoyed academic successes in a range of subjects, including Chemistry and English Literature, Law and Psychology, Health and Social Care and Nursery Nursing, PE and Spanish – giving an idea of the breadth of the courses on offer.

Chaplaincy

Run the Race

This summer we have seen hundreds of men and women sweat, bleed and cry as they pushed their bodies to the absolute limit for the honour of representing their country, for the chance to win an Olympic Medal. These Olympians have not achieved the success they have in their field through sitting back and coasting through life, but they have worked hard and long to be classed amongst the best in the world. The theme of London 2012 was 'Inspire a Generation'. How can we be inspired by the example of the Olympic athletes? There are few of us, if any, who will ever run faster than Usain Bolt, dive better than Tom Daley, or even run as far as Mo Farah, let alone as fast as he did it. But we can learn from their example. The 556 athletes who made up the British Olympic Team and the 228 athletes who made up the British Paralympics Team all had one thing in common; they all decided upon a goal and then they went for it. They decided what they wanted and they trained, for hours, days, weeks and years. They never lost focus, they never gave up and they worked hard to get where they wanted to be. In the same way, that is how we will achieve our goals. We need to identify what it is we want to achieve, where we want to be. Then we need to look at how we are going to get there, what do we need to do? And then we need to work, we need to put in the effort.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4v7

Mrs Milligan, Chaplain

Information for Parents and Carers

Messages from home

In the afternoon we are now registering students with their Class Teacher for period 4. Although this has many advantages, it has made passing messages from home to students during the school day more difficult. We would appreciate your support in only asking us to pass a message to your son/daughter if it is urgent. **DLY**

Homelearning website

The new Homelearning 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/> **JKE**

House News

The move from 5 Houses to 4 has been running smoothly. As you know, we have tried to keep students with their Form Tutor and either their Head of House or House Tutor. The new houses are starting to develop their own identity, choosing a charity to support and beginning their inter-form competition. The House Captains and Student Leadership Teams are actively involved in all of this work. The roles of the different Pastoral Staff remain the same and they should be contacted regarding care and well being issues. The Head of House is responsible for the behaviour and overall progress of each student. The House Tutor is a useful point of contact as they do not teach. Form Tutors have daily contact and monitor whether students are 'ready to learn.' If you would like to discuss specific subject issues, those still go to the teacher or head of that department.

House	Amazon	Nile	Everest	Kilimanjaro
	Mrs Walton and Mr McMullen	Mr Hall and Mrs Wylie	Miss Bamforth and Mrs Barwick	Mrs Sims and Mrs Mark
Year 7	7CRT 7LBA	7JAT 7PEL	7BST 7SMR	7CCT 7ARI
Year 8	8SSC 8MBO	8DBI 8MFI	8BIR 8RGR	8MSW 8JHA
Year 9	9RDI 9DWB	9JST 9RIR	9TSN 9JLY	9LHO 9JMY
Year 10	10APA 10AWG	10LHP (DSP) 10NSE	10ETI 10MDA	10PBA 10NFO
Year 11	11JWL 11GSB 11TDO	11AHP 11SGH	11MHA 11ASH	11SLA 11FDG 11EHU

Freeze Days

This year we will be running a larger programme of Freeze Days for Years 7 to 11 to compliment the curriculum. The timetable will be frozen for a day or half a day and students participate in activities about learning, revision and wider life skills. For this half term, Year 7 and 8 activities will be based around the Learn to Learn course. Year 9 students will be involved in a Drugs Awareness Day as part of their Personal Development course. This has been successful in the past, with student feedback very positive. Year 11 will have a morning or afternoon to learn about revision techniques and study habits in preparation for their mock exams before Christmas.

Ms Hawkin and Mr McArdle

Getting Ready for Learning and KASE

This year we are having a whole school half termly Learning Themes which all Year Groups will be working on. The first half term's theme is Getting Ready for Learning and KASE. We want to encourage students to think about what it means to be ready and prepared to get the best out of their school day. Also to be a great learner we need to ensure that students develop **Knowledge**, **Attributes** and **Skills** via meaningful **Experiences**.

More information will be available on this item on the school website.

Ms Hawkin and Mr McArdle

Year 7 Cathedral Visits

During September and October Year 7 will be going, in house groups, on an educational visit to Carlisle Cathedral. The visit will include a historical tour of the building, opportunities to try on robes and learn about prayer.

The trip will take place during period 3 on the Monday as part of the PDV lessons and they will be back for their lunch break. Students should have appropriate clothing for the weather; i.e. a coat, as they will be walking to the Cathedral with staff. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the visit please write a letter to your child's Head of House. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school and ask to speak to either the Chaplain or your child's House Office.

Date	House	Forms
September 17 th	Nile	7JAT & 7PEL
September 24 th	Everest	7BST & 7SMR
October 1 st	Kilimanjaro	7CCT & 7ARI
October 22 nd	Amazon	7CRT & 7LBA

Year 7 Cathedral Service – Tuesday 23rd October, 2.45 pm

Parents/carers are very welcome to join this service for Year 7 students as we welcome them formally to the Cathedral and celebrate their first half term with us.

Morrisons Let's Grow Vouchers

This year we are collecting the Morrison's Let's Grow Vouchers which are being issued with purchase up until Sunday 28th October 2012. Please send any vouchers collected into school and place in the Let's Grow Box at main reception. **Mrs Wylie**

The News at Trinity

The latest edition of the News at Trinity, which celebrates in words and pictures some of the many events that have happened at Trinity over the last year, can be viewed on the school website; just follow the link on the homepage. Please ring Mrs Waddell, Deputy Head's PA, on 516051 ext 291 or email info@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk if you would like a printed copy of the News at Trinity.

Mrs Waddell

Arkwright Engineering Scholarships 2012

Congratulations to Year 11 student Scott Fisher who has been awarded a prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship that identifies him as one of the country's future leaders in engineering and related areas of design.

Collection of certificates

A/AS/GCSE certificates from Summer 2011 are available to collect from the Sixth Form Office during school hours. Please note that certificates from Summer 2012 will not be available until December 2012.

Recent Events

Carlisle Music Festival Composition Competition

In February all secondary schools in Cumbria were invited to enter the Composition Competition in this year's festival hosted by the Cathedral. The organisers received 15 entries from 4 schools and 6 finalists were shortlisted. Out of the 9 students entered into the competition by Trinity school 5 were shortlisted. The finalists had their pieces performed in a concert at the Cathedral and Composer Adrian Self judged the competition. There were 4 prizes including a prize voted for by the audience. We were very proud of all the students involved and pleased to win 3 out of the 4 prizes. All of the students in the final received written feedback from Adrian Self which should be useful to them for future compositions.

Uganda

On 15th July 2012 a group of 12 6th form students and four members of staff from Trinity School set off to visit the partner schools in Uganda, Ssaku Senior Secondary School in Wobulenzi and Najjera Progressive Primary School on the outskirts of Kampala. The aim of the visit was to help create a better learning environment for the African students, provide much needed equipment, plant trees to help the environment, teach in their classrooms and share cultures as well as experiencing African culture at first hand. During the two weeks the students and staff helped to create a better learning environment for the African students, provide much needed equipment, plant trees to help the environment, teach in their classrooms and share cultures as well as experiencing African culture at first hand. They also helped to paint and equip a library in the senior school and decorate the main assembly hall in the primary school as well as handing over laptops, projectors and stationery which they had taken out with them. Thanks to all the fundraising before the trip they were also able to give each school over £1000 each – at the senior school this is to be used as a bursary to allow a number of children from the local village, who at present are unable to go to school to attend classes and in the primary school to provide much needed storage for books. As well as visiting local sites round Kampala, the source of the river Nile and the Equator the group had the opportunity to travel to the largest game park in Uganda, Murchison Falls, where they saw a large number of African animals including giraffes, elephants, hippos and antelopes. All the students agreed that the trip had been a life-changing experience and they are now keen to encourage other students entering the Sixth Form to take advantage of the opportunity to visit Uganda in 2014. **Mrs Jary**

Junior Prize Giving

Graham Frost, Headteacher of Robert Ferguson Primary School, was chief guest, prize presenter and speaker at the Trinity School Junior Prize Giving which took place in St Cuthbert's Church, Carlisle, on the evening of Monday 16th July 2012. He had more than 100 hands to shake as he presented prizes to students in Years 7 and 8 for their contributions to the school in the past year. Along with two prizes for every subject, there were awards for students' Approach to Learning, Service to the School and House Prizes. Special awards were also made for Junior Singer of the Year (Ella Crooks), the J H Dodd Prize for commitment to Interschool sport (Joseph Lightfoot) and the Simon Armstrong Prize for Outstanding Service to the school, which was won by Kate Lawson.

Senior Prize Giving – Monday 10th September

Our Senior Prize Giving took place on Monday 10th September in Carlisle Cathedral. As ever it was a splendid occasion with prizes presented to last year's Year 9, 11 and 13 students for their academic achievements and for contributions to the life of the school. John Stevenson, our local Member of Parliament was our Chief Guest for the evening.

Year 6 Open Evening – Thursday 13th September

Our Open Evening took place on Thursday for students and parents and carers of current Year 6 students. There were presentations, demonstrations, talks and a chance to meet staff and students. If you have a child currently in Year 6 and would like a tour of the school during a more normal working day, or if you have any further questions you would like to ask us, please contact Mrs Paula Hubberstey in Central Office on 516051 or email phu@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk.

Oxford Trip – 13th - 15th September

We have 37 students from Year 10 going to have a look around Oxford University for the weekend, joining in the University Open Day and staying in Queen's College. Thank you very much to parents and carers for supporting this visit.

Forthcoming events

Trinity Unplugged - Thursday 17th October at 7.00pm

A fantastic opportunity to see and listen to Trinity talent.
More details will be in the October Newsletter.

Art

Trinity School are excited to be able to launch our very own Arts publication showcasing the creative talents of a range of GCSE and A-Level students from the last two years. It is a great achievement for individuals to have their work preserved in print for later generations to enjoy.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest thanks to many number of people who have helped make this publication possible; the generous donations made by the businesses and organisations along with the parents/carers who have purchased advanced copies.

Thank you for your support and belief in what we wanted to achieve.

A special note of thanks to a dedicated ex-student Alex Messenger who has driven this entire project and spent an enormous amount of time ensuring it reached fruition. **Mr Quigley**

Trinity School Art Department would like to invite you to join us in a celebration.

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**Friday 14th September 2012
5.00pm.**

Main Reception, new build.

Year 10 Expectation Evening

On Thursday 20th September at 7.00pm, we will be holding an Expectation Evening for Year 10 parents and carers. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.45pm in the Entrance Hall, which is situated just beyond Main Reception. It would be good for students to come along too.

The aim of the evening is to stress to parents and students the importance of making a positive start to GCSE courses, what we expect from our students in terms of work ethic, aspiration and attitude and how you can support your son/daughter with all of this.

With the increasing importance of securing a good GCSE grade in Maths and English, both departments will be providing additional subject specific information on the evening.

There will be time, and staff available, afterwards for parents who have further questions.

Mr McArdle and Ms Hawkin

Year 7 Tutor and Expectation Evening

On Thursday 27th September we look forward to meeting the parents of our Year 7 students at our Tutor and Expectation Evening. There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's Tutor and talks will be running throughout the evening about how we can work together to make their time at Trinity School as successful as possible.

Mr McArdle and Ms Hawkin

USA Exchanges 2013

In February 2013 a group of around 15 students and 15 staff from New Hampshire and Vermont will be visiting Trinity and in April Dover High School will fly in with their band and musicians. In between the two visits our 5th trip to the USA is planned for 9th-18th April. If any students are interested in going on the trip please let Mrs Clarke know. Further information will be sent home soon, but students will still have until the end of September to sign up for the trip.

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics

City Athletics Championships - Year 7

The following students qualified to represent Carlisle schools in the County schools athletics final.

Grace Tyson - 100m - 2nd place

Eve Driver - Javelin - 2nd place

Chloe Southwell - Long Jump - 3rd place

Imogen Clark - 200m - 7th place

Laura Davison - 1500m - 8th place

Megan Coupland - Shot putt - 10th place

A fantastic achievement by all of those who took part - well done.

Sports Day – Tuesday, 17th July

We were lucky that amidst all the rain that has fallen over the Summer Term there was a brief and much appreciated lull to allow the Trinity Sports Day to take place at the Sheepmount. Africa House were overall winners of the Inter House Shield, along with the Year 7 and Year 9 shields. 10AHP, 9PBA, 8EHO and 7JHA were year group winners. We were delighted to have Olympic Torchbearers Matthew Grieve and Dominic Wall with us and they had their photos taken with the winning teams.

PE Extra Curricular Activities

Monday –	Year 9-11 Netball (Arena) Girls Gym (New Gym) Boys swimming (Leisure Centre)
Tuesday –	Year 8-10 Boys Football (Arena) Girls Hockey – meet at the Arena
Wednesday –	Girls Football (Arena) Boys Gym (New Gym)
Thursday –	Year 7-10 Rugby (Arena) Girls Swimming (leisure centre)
Friday –	Year 7 / 8 Netball (Arena) Trampolining – New Gym Running Fitness Club – Meet at Arena

Year 7 Boys football, Basketball and Zumba will be coming soon!

TERM DATES for the 2012/2013 School Year

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	Half Term Week
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 – 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

Thursday 20 th September	Year 10 Expectations Evening
Thursday 27 th September	Year 7 Expectations and Tutor Evening
Friday 28 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Tuesday 2 nd October	Official opening of new school buildings and Formal Dinner
Wednesday 17 th October	School Concert - Trinity Unplugged
Friday 26 th October	Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM	
Thursday 15 th November	Yr 13 Reports to Parents
Thursday 22 nd November	Yr 13 Parents' Evening
Thursday 29 th November	Yr 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 6 th December	Yr 8 Expectation Evening
Wednesday 12 th December	Yr 12 Parents' Evening
Monday 17 th December	Carol Service – Carlisle Cathedral
Thursday 20 th December	Last Day of Term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Monday 7 th January 2013	First day of term



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Health and Fitness @ Trinity Leisure Centre



Tuesday

Body Weight Burn

6.00pm – 6.30pm

High Intensity cardio/body weight conditioning class

Instructor: Craig Brierley (Personal Coach)

Wednesday

Aqua Tone

7.05pm – 7.50pm

Water based cardio circuit class for all ability levels

Instructor: Sonya Howe

Zumba

7.15pm – 8.00pm

Easy to follow, fun, calorie burning fitness class for all ability levels

Instructor: Rachael Walsh

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Trinity Arts and Trinity Theatre Company Programme

2012

Wednesday 17th October *Trinity Unplugged*
7.00pm Drama Studio

An opportunity to hear some of the schools musicians in relaxed surroundings

Wednesday 14th November *November Concert*
7.00pm

An opportunity to hear the schools ensembles and some soloists

Wednesday 21st November *Hamlet: Shakespeare
Schools Festival*

Monday 17th December *Trinity Carol Service*

2013

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th January
*Black Comedy
(Staff Play)*

Wednesday 6th February *Trinity Unplugged*

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st March
Our Country's Good

Wednesday 27th March *Musical Spring Showcase*

Monday 22nd April *American Exchange
Concert*

Wednesday 8th May *Trinity Unplugged*

Tuesday 2nd – Thursday 4th July
*Les Misérable School
Edition*