



Newsletter

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More than half a million Merit Points!



It has been an amazing term at Blessed Trinity with pupils achieving more than half a million Merit Points along with earning Rewards and Stars!

Pupils from Years 7-11 collected awards for their fantastic achievements at the Blessed Trinity Achievement Awards. There have been a staggering 570,000 Merit Points awarded to pupils this term.

These are given out for a variety of reasons including positive behaviour, a positive attitude in school, going above and beyond, standing out, for pupils excelling in their homework and community and extra-curricular activities.

Rewards were presented to pupils for their 100% attendance. We are so proud of the pupils who come into school every day, they show remarkable resilience and we know how valuable it is to learning that pupils do make that extra effort to attain a high attendance mark.

The Headteacher's Award is presented to pupils from each year group who have achieved the most Merit Points.

These were awarded to Catherine in Year 7, Blossom in Year 8, Andrew in Year 9, Sophia in Year 10 and Jude in Year 11. This is a superb achievement.

The Star of the Week is presented to pupils every week, nominated by their Form Tutors.

They are awarded, for example, for doing something out of the ordinary, displaying school values, showing resilience, making a positive contribution to form time, having a smart uniform and a host of other positive reasons.

We just want to say a huge well done to all our pupils who have won awards, keep it up!

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**Have a Happy and Holy Christmas.
We will see you in 2026!**

Well done to all our award winners



History, exploring and Christmas in Bruges



It was a fantastic trip to Bruges for a group of our pupils. They spent a weekend investigating First World War battlefields and cemeteries. They also attended the moving and unforgettable Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Pupils were given the opportunity to explore the French town of St Omer and also got into the festive spirit with a trip to the Christmas Markets in Bruges. A fabulous experience for all!



Kasom returns to inspire Class of 2025



Our former Head Boy Kasom Shah returned for the Class of 2025 Presentation of Awards.

Last year's Year 11s were presented with their GCSE certificates as well as special awards and prizes.

Kasom, now 24, talked about his journey since he finished at school.

Kasom said: "I just want to say life is bumpy and you need to remember your family, your friendships, and teachers to support you through this.

"I was here seven or eight years ago and it was all about football for me from age 13-18. I got a scholarship at Accrington Stanley, I was on the bench for a League One game, and then I didn't get a professional contract and was released. It was everything I had worked on, gone in a second.

"But I used the skills I learnt at school and went to University to study a Sports Science degree and then went back to Accrington Stanley as Head of Education and Player Care after being a teacher for a few years.

"However, just four months after I got that job, the Academy closed and I was left thinking again about what I could do as life goes up and down.

"Now eight months later, I am working with Blackburn Rovers first team as a Player Care Officer.

"It's about being resilient and having the passion and inspiration to go again when things go against you.

"As one door closes, another opens and it's about taking your opportunities and believing in yourself and also leaning on your family and teachers if you need them."

Subject awards were presented to pupils who had done exceptionally well in a particular subject, nominated by their teachers.

This may have been their high grades, the passion they showed for the subject, their consistently hard work or their eagerness to learn more.

The KSC Awards for outstanding GCSE results were presented to 20 pupils.

The Attainment Award was given to Louka-May Payne who achieved the best grades in school, including three Grade 9s and four Grade 8s.

The Achievement/Progress Award was awarded to Molly Porter, a pupil who made the most progress across her five years at Blessed Trinity.

College Trophies were also presented.

Former Head Boy Jayden Culshaw received the Contribution to Community Award while Molly Porter was given the Contribution to College Life trophy for her work on the school council and at charity events.

Connor Brogan was given the Specialist College Sports Award for his outstanding contribution in PE.

Molly Porter received the Specialist College Humanities Award for her Grade 9s and 8s in Humanities subjects.

The Bishop Casartelli Award for Contribution to College Faith Life was given to Maisie Heuer for participating in liturgical and charitable work in school.

The Endeavour Award was presented to Aston Knight for striving to achieve his potential with honesty and humour.

The Sporting Commitment Award was given to Finley Towneley; the Design and Technology Award was presented to Owen Ellison and the Hospitality and Catering Award was awarded to Corey Hill.

Headteacher Mrs Williams said: "It brought me so much pride to welcome last year's Year 11s back to school and find out how they are all doing.

"They showed hard work, resilience and determination throughout their five years at Blessed Trinity.

"They achieved remarkable results and that was a stepping stone to their next stage in life and I am sure they will continue to shine, whatever path they choose. We are proud of all of them."

Reflection, Mass and games at Savio House



A group of Year 8 pupils went on a retreat to Savio House in Bollington, Macclesfield, which is run by a group of Salesians and volunteers.

The theme of the retreat was 'Building Bridges' – between home, friends, faith and school – and the pupils spent time reflecting how they can build positive relationships between all four of the groups.

They also participated in Mass and led a section for each part involving welcome, liturgy of the word and liturgy of the Eucharist as well as looking at how we can learn from the Gospel teaching and bring it into their own lives.

Head of RE Mr Horne said: "Our pupils were fantastic and threw themselves into all the activities the retreat ran. It was brilliant to see.

"There was a hike to White Nancy at the top of the local hill where the group could look at views extending over Liverpool and Manchester

"They also enjoyed building relationships during free-time where they played pool, air hockey, ping pong, football (weather permitting) and futsal.

"The pupils were a credit to themselves and the school and came home with a positive mindset."

Silver medal for Mega Mania Hub Day



12 Year 7 pupils attended a Mega Mania Hub Day at Burnley College and won a silver medal. MEGA Mania is a fast-paced, action-packed day where pupils took on exciting tech challenges! In teams, pupils navigated through high-energy zones, developing their skills in Robotics, Cybersecurity and AI. They also boosted their problem-solving, creativity and teamwork in a fun and competitive environment.

The behaviour of our pupils was fantastic and they finished second in the competition.

Afternoon of Remembrance



“It moved me to tears” was a poignant reaction as we held our annual Afternoon of Remembrance in November.

There were a number of special guests including the Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire, Cosima Towneley, Major Eddy Hardaker, who is retiring after 47 years of service next year, and Cecilia Edmondson, who has just celebrated her 100th birthday.

These, along with cadets, current service personnel, veterans and the community, enjoyed entertainment, coffee and cakes in school. The event was organised by Curriculum Leader of Performing Arts Mrs Pagliuca.

The choir performed wartime songs such as ‘Pack Up Your Troubles,’ ‘It’s a Long Way to Tipperary,’ ‘White Cliffs of Dover’ and ‘We’ll Meet Again.’

The school band played a number of wartime songs, there was a performance by the drama department while Music Teacher Mr Snowden performed The Last Post.

Headteacher Mrs Williams said: “It was a fantastic event as always. It’s important young people understand the history and appreciate all those people who lost their lives for our freedom. It’s wonderful to see our talented pupils perform, it makes me so proud.”

Mrs Pagliuca said: “This is an important event which brings generations together- to help our young people understand the real stories behind the poppy and to enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today because of the sacrifices made by others. “Through these intergenerational experiences, remembrance becomes something living and meaningful, rather than just something observed.”

Eddy said: “I have been to a number of Mrs Pagliuca’s events but this is the first time I have been to Blessed Trinity’s Afternoon of Remembrance and it was a great event. “It’s my last remembrance in uniform so it is nice to be here and see the community come together, from veterans to pupils, to show their respect.”

Cecilia was wearing the medals of her husband Thomas, who died aged 100. She said: “I am proud to wear all his medals including the Legion de Mar, for invading Normandy. Thomas was in the Royal Marines.

“It’s been a really nostalgic afternoon. I have enjoyed it.”

Maria Hanley has looked into her dad’s history. He was in the Polish army and came to England, and fought the for the English. He took part in the Battle of Monte Cassino in 1944. “I have researched my dad’s history. He came to England as he would have been killed by the Germans if he had gone back to Poland. The whole Afternoon of Remembrance moved me to tears.”



Interfaith Day



Year 7-9 pupils came off timetable to take part in Bollywood dancing, Sikh drumming and Meditation on Interfaith Day which was a celebration of all the lived faiths in our community.

Pupils had the chance to learn more about different religions and the positive impact of faith with a host of visitors to school.

Religious Studies teacher Mr Horne said: "It has been a superb success. Pupils have enjoyed experiencing different faith beliefs, perspectives and different spiritual expressions that exist in our community.

"The Catholic Church believe that Interfaith Dialogue is an important part of our Social Teachings to encourage and engage in conversation to create a peaceful and harmonious society for the common good."

Pupils engaged in activities from Buddhist and Christian Meditation and they heard about Humanist beliefs, building a good society based on reason and knowledge.

Pupils also took part in Bollywood Dancing and Sikh drumming as expressions of faith and also heard about the fundamental importance of Catholic Social Teaching led by our own Pupil Chaplain Team.

Many sessions were held by external agencies but the sessions also included several internal members explaining their own faith beliefs.

ICT teacher Mr Hussain, who ran the Islamic session, said: "It's important that pupils can see that although it's a Catholic School there are staff who have different faith backgrounds and that's how society is made up."

Pupils also spoke highly of the day.

Year 9 Dexter, when speaking about the Sikhism and Bollywood dancing session, said: "Seeing the different items used, especially the sword (Kirpan), and learning about what it means to them was interesting.

Learning about the 10 Guru's was good because you learn things about other religions you didn't know before."

Year 9 Ethan spoke about Animal Aid: "It was unbelievable to learn how animals are treated in our society and the different types of farmers and methods. It was especially hard to learn that there are still farms that will cage animals and treat them badly. It makes people think about where we get our food from."

Miss Gidier was in the Eco Group session run by the pupils. She said: "They had excellent information about recycling and looking after the environment."



Year 7 stars!



Year 7 Reece is a Black Belt! Reece has been at Temple Martial Arts for two years and recently passed his Black Belt.

Reece said: "I like martial arts as it's rewarding. I enjoy training and it's good exercise. The Black Belt exam was 2-3 hours long."



Year 7 Isabelle has collected a host of medals through cheerleading. Isabelle is a member of Team Twilight, who are part of Clarets Cheer and Dance. Isabelle has competed in a number of competitions with her 16-people group and has won a variety of medals, including National Cheer and Dance Championship medals.

"I have been doing cheerleading for three years and it's good fun!"



Year 7 Macey plays football and was at her club which is based at her old primary school, St Peter's in Burnley. She decided to help out some of the younger children who were training there and was selected to win a special trophy for showing kindness and being helpful. Well done Macey!

Romero Carol Concert



We held our second Romero Community Christmas Concert at the Life Church. Led by Mrs Pagliuca, the talented Blessed Trinity choir and musicians put on a magical performance.

The event was hosted by Head Girl Dani with Head Boy Dawud leading the audience through the birth of Jesus through readings from the Bible along with songs and musical performances.

The primary schools involved were: Christ the King, St Augustine's, St Anne's and St Joseph's, St John the Baptist, St Mary Magdalene's, St Mary's Burnley and Holy Trinity.





Tina: The Musical comes to Blessed Trinity

KS3 pupils were selected for an amazing treat after standing out in their dance lessons.

They received a visit from Josh, the Producer of The Tina Turner Musical, which is currently on at the Palace Theatre, Manchester, and a swing dancer from the musical who put our pupils through some tricky moves.

Head of Performing Arts, Mrs Pagliuca, said: "The pupils were taught a routine from the show, 'Shake A Tail Feather' and the Tina dancer was amazed at how well our pupils picked the routine up.

"Pupils also had lots of questions for Josh, who shared his own experiences of how he became a producer and he encouraged pupils to get involved in all the opportunities they have at school.

"We are trying to encourage pupils who partake in dance classes outside of school to bring their talents into school so we can start to involve them in our wonderful faculty and events like this inspire everyone."



Charity jumpers!

Thank you to everyone who got into the festive spirit with Christmas Jumper Day. It was lovely to see everyone in a variety of sweaters in school.

More importantly, money was raised for Save the Children UK as well as Safe Net.

Thank you to everyone for playing their part!

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