



Newsletter

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New Prefects for school year 2026-7



The official photograph of our Year 11 Prefects for the next school year. Head Boy Sam and Head Girl Imogen, along with their deputies Keizo and Momina, have been appointed as well as our Platinum Prefects and Prefects.

Year 11 aiming high



Our Year 11s came back to talk about how Blessed Trinity has positively shaped their lives thanks to all the opportunities on offer and also their hopes for the future.

Evie said: "I am interested in learning new things and questioning things and it's been good to be able to get my voice out in school. I want to do Psychology, Criminology and Politics A-Levels, to look deeper into things."

"I want to be a mounted police officer when I am older as I ride horses as well."

"My RE teacher Mrs Burtles has been a big influence and my Art teacher Miss Palich has helped me think more about art – it's not just drawing, it's the meaning behind it."

Matilda said: "At Blessed Trinity, I have loved meeting new people and trying new subjects. History has become my favourite subject and I want to carry that on in my A-Levels."

"I have been a Mission Leader and I play the drums so have tried to get involved with all the assemblies in the Music Department."

"Mrs Hacking, from the Science Department, and Mr Harwood, from the History Department, have supported me a lot. I am keeping my options open but I want to be either a teacher, a lawyer or a musician."

Liliana said: "I want to do four A-Levels, Geography, Geology, Environmental Science and Psychology. Ultimately, I want to be a Geography teacher as I was inspired by Miss Wilkinson and Mr Ridehalgh. I want to follow in their footsteps."

"Blessed Trinity has been great for me. In Year 11, I stayed every day for revision lessons, while in the younger years I did a lot of sports."

Aleesha said: "I want to go to Burnley College and study Biology, Chemistry and Maths. My aim is to get into dentistry, I want to help people and it's a unique way to do it."

"Blessed Trinity has given me the opportunity to develop myself and meet new people."

Luke said: "I want to do A-Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Politics. I want to be a Marine Biologist, there are lots of conservation programmes within the government and it links with Politics and Science. It would also allow me to travel the world."

Olivia said: "I am going to study Politics, Biology and Chemistry as I want to be a radiologist. I like the idea of doing something in the medical field and helping people."

"I have been involved in the shows and I have loved the Music Department, I think it's one of the best in the area and I also appreciate all the support you get from all the staff."

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Danni said: "I want to study A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and Music. I want to be an adolescent psychologist. I have always been interested in psychology and the brain and I feel I have been emotionally intelligent from a young age."

"I have loved being Head Girl, every bit of it and also I have embraced everything musically."

Aisha said: "I am going to Skipton Sixth Form, I liked their Science Department, I want to be a dentist."

"I have loved every bit of spending time with my friends at Blessed Trinity especially Year 10 and 11."

Sadie said: "I am thinking about Biology, Chemistry and Maths and maybe another subject. I want to be something medical, maybe a dentist, or a chemical engineer."

"I have loved the people and the teachers here."

Head Boy Dawud said: "I want to do medicine in the future, I will do my A-Levels at Clitheroe Sixth Form. I want to study Further Maths, Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Politics."

"I have been on Burnley Youth Council, Head Boy, musical theatre, Young Enterprise – I have taken every opportunity I can and would tell anyone to do that."

Deputy Head Boy George said: "I am going to Burnley College to study Maths, Further Maths, Computer Science and Politics. I have been working with Burnley MP Oliver Ryan, I have been to London with him, been in his office which has got me interested in politics and journalism."

"At school, I have loved having the chance to grow my skills. I remember being asked to read in assembly in Year 7 and I wouldn't do it but, by Year 11, it doesn't bother me at all. It's the same with the piano. In Year 7, I couldn't play anything, now I can play a range of things."

Mya said: "I am going to study History, Ancient History, Law and Politics. I want to get an apprenticeship in the civil service."

Jessica said: "I want to study Art, Media and Graphics to either do Graphics or Architecture."

"At Blessed Trinity, there are a lot of activities for everyone, even for those who are quiet and introverted. That's helped me grow in the arts."

Thomas said: "I will do Maths, Further Maths and Chemistry at A-Level. I have loved it all at Blessed Trinity, I like the teachers. Before I came here, I wasn't academically inclined but, because of the teachers, I feel like I have done well. I have liked subjects I never thought I would like Maths."

Gabriel said: "I want to do Chemistry, Physics and Maths and go onto university. I love science, it's one of my favourite things, and I have enjoyed going into it in detail here."

Special time in Science

It's been a busy time in the Science Department. Science Week 2026 was a fantastic celebration of curiosity and creativity, with pupils taking part in a wide range of exciting activities. From hands-on challenges like the marble run, fire writing, and slime-making to engaging Sports Science lectures and dynamic live shows hosted by Medical Mavericks, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Year 7 and 8 pupils were invited on the Jodrell Bank Rewards Trip in recognition of their outstanding commitment to learning and their consistent effort in completing 100% of their Sparx Science homework throughout the year. Their dedication to engaging with the online learning platform, developing their scientific knowledge and demonstrating strong independent study habits earned them this special opportunity.

Next year, all pupils should be encouraged to complete 100% of their Sparx Science assignments. Doing so will help to deepen their understanding of key scientific concepts, support their progress in lessons and increase their chances of being invited on exciting rewards trips and experiences.



By showing the same commitment and perseverance, every student can work towards earning recognition for their hard work and achievement.

DoE pupils tackle weather, camping and Pendle



After six months of dedicated preparation and training, around 30 Year 10 pupils have successfully completed the expedition section of their Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) Bronze Award. The pupils embarked on their qualifying expedition in May, following carefully planned routes through the Pendle countryside over the course of a challenging weekend.

As part of the expedition, they navigated independently, carried their own equipment and camped overnight, putting into practice the skills they had developed during months of training. The weekend provided an extra test of resilience as the weather delivered what felt like all four seasons in just two days. From sunshine to heavy rain, hail and blustery conditions, the group experienced a wide range of weather while out on the hills.

Fortunately, their thorough preparation ensured they were well equipped to meet every challenge that came their way.

Throughout the expedition, pupils demonstrated determination, teamwork and independence, successfully completing their routes and supporting one another along the way.

Thanks to their hard work and positive attitude, every participant completed the expedition and arrived safely back home on Sunday evening.

Having completed one of the most demanding sections of the Bronze Award, pupils will now focus on finishing the remaining elements of the programme.

Once these sections have been completed, they will be eligible to receive their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award certificates and badges.

Congratulations to all of the pupils involved. Their success is a testament to the effort, resilience and teamwork they have demonstrated over the past six months.



Pupils have gone fishing

Pupils took to the river banks as part of Transition Fishing with St John the Baptist RC Primary School. Year 7 Blessed Trinity pupils have been learning about fishing since April, visiting Cornfield Fishery every Thursday. They shared their fishing knowledge as well as their experiences of moving to high school with Year 6 pupils. Mr Kelly, who takes the sessions with Miss Place alongside MS Angling and Education, said: "It's been great to see our Year 7s experience something completely new. They've learnt many new skills and they have loved being in nature - whatever the weather! "We have also fished with some Year 6s who are joining our school in September. Our Year 7s have spoken to these pupils about transition and what to expect when they join us. "They've helped build up their confidence and eased a few anxieties surrounding transition to high school. Mark Smedley offered us this wonderful opportunity and we are extremely grateful to him and his team." Leo said: "I like fishing because it helps me feel relaxed and get some fresh air. You also make new friends and it's a new experience." Macey said: "Over the past weeks, we have caught amazing fish. Before this I didn't even know how to fish, it's been nice learning. I have learnt new tricks and it's been a pleasure to teach Year 6. I have learnt an amazing hobby and I want to share it with others." Harvey said: "I enjoy fishing because it's relaxing and calming. At first I didn't know if I would like it but now I have done it for a couple of months I enjoy it and I can't wait to do it every week."



Opportunities to go out and about!

Our pupils certainly get out and about with Blessed Trinity offering amazing opportunities for pupils both inside and outside of school. There have been trips abroad to Disneyland Paris and Barcelona, which have been cultural and fun for our pupils. Closer to home, there has been a Year 8 Stretch and Challenge Day at Nelson and Colne College; our Young Enterprise team have visited Edgell while pupils thrived at Enjoyneering 2026 at Burnley College. Rewards trips have included Blackpool and Jodrell Bank. There has been our annual retreat to Castlerigg as well as a JP Morgan Launch event for Year 8s; the Lancaster University Discover programme and Year 9s went to a Teen Tech programme at UCLan. The Planning for Bright Futures event at Burnley College is always popular while the cast of 'Annie' went to see 'Annie' at Manchester's Palace Theatre, to get a taste of the performance.



Poems published



It has been a fantastic year for our pupils being published with Young Writers UK. The inspiring poems of Year 8 Chris and Janusha have been published in Young Writers 'I Have A Dream' poetry book. Janusha said: "My poem was about playing the piano. I am excited to see it published." Chris said: "Mine is about Norse mythology, something I am interested in. I enjoyed researching and writing it."



Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been creating posters which will be displayed around the school.

PSHE

Prison, Me? No Way!

Prison, Me? No Way! delivered sessions to our Year 9 pupils about life in prison, making the right choices, drugs, County Lines, railway and road safety, knife crime and First Aid. The sessions were delivered by prison officers, former offenders and victims of crime.

Promise

Burnley Youth Theatre created and delivered a powerful and thought-provoking production titled "Promise" to Year 9 and 10 girls.

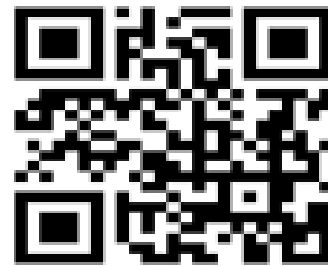
This piece was specifically developed to educate young people about the dangers of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and grooming. It aimed to help pupils recognise early warning signs of abuse, exploitation, and unsafe situations, while also encouraging open and healthy conversations around these important topics. The performance was attended by The High Sheriff of Lancashire David Collinge DL.

No More County Lines

Lancashire's Police Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw provided funding and invited The Message Trust back with their new 'No More County Lines Tour' to equip pupils with the skills and knowledge to identify and understand the dangers of drugs, gang culture, grooming and drug-related violence to help them to make informed choices. They delivered this to pupils in Years 7,8 and 9.

Kooth Assemblies

Assemblies were delivered to promote awareness of free online mental health and wellbeing support
www.kooth.com



Enrichment Day

Summer Safety July

A focus on staying safe over Summer including water safety, fire safety, knife crime, grooming and County Lines.



Praise for Year 10 work experience

Year 10 pupils thrived at their work experience visiting a variety of companies.

Three pupils spent the week in the composites department at Safran and the feedback was excellent.

Safran's Apprenticeship Co-ordinator Steve Dyer: "The pupils were absolutely fantastic, they listened intently and took in what we were telling them. A number of pupils spent time in the composites and sheet metal departments and the feedback I got from the mentors was very positive." Imogen spent time at Towneley Park Nursery. She said: "I got to go in all the rooms and engage with the pupils and learn facts about child development. It's a job I will consider."

Simra went to Brunshaw Pharmacy and said: "I liked it. I stacked shelves, helped to dispense medicine so it was interesting. I want to go into something pharmaceutical."

Aiden and Zach worked at the toy shop 'The Entertainer' in the centre.

Zach said: "We were stacking shelves and greeting customers."

Aiden said: "I enjoyed it but want to go into something with cooking."

DIARY DATES

Summer School for our Year 6 pupils will run from 18-21st August 2026. Pupils should now have confirmation of which two days they are attending.

School reopens on Thursday 3rd September 2026 for pupils in Year 7 and 11. Whole school opens Friday 4th September.

Annie at Burnley Mechanics



Year 11 Prom



Music grading



The following pupils took their London College of Music graded exams before half-term and did incredibly well.

Grade 6 counts for Progress 8 and Grade 8 is half an A-Level in UCAS points so this is a real achievement for the pupils in Year 7 and 8.

Blossom Yr 8 Grade 3 Ukulele Distinction

Ethan Yr 8 G1 Rock Guitar Merit

Jayden Yr 10 G1 Rock Guitar Merit

Winnie Yr 7 G1 Acoustic Guitar Merit

Gary Yr 8 Step 1 Rock Guitar Merit

Hamna Yr 8 G1 Acoustic Guitar Merit

Junior Awards Evening



Thank you to everyone who came to the Junior Awards Evening at St Mary's Church where we celebrated our outstanding pupils.

A big thank you to our special guest Burnley FC defender Naomi Hartley.

Also thank you to our Head Prefects for the next school year in Head Boy Sam and Head Girl Imogen along with their deputies Keizo and Momina.

We presented our Year 7, 8 and 9 awards, our Year 10 Merit Awards, the Attendance Awards as well as Year 10 Subject Awards.

Our Special Prizes are always fiercely contested, and require a lot of difficult decisions from our staff.

CONTRIBUTION TO COLLEGE LIFE

Year 7 Winnie; Year 8 Chelsea; Year 9 Bradley and Year 10 Olivia.

MOST MERITS

Year 7 Catherine; Year 8 Blossom; Year 9 Andrew and Year 10 Sofia

WORK SKILLS AWARD

Maaz - for his determination and positive attitude.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Isabelle - this award celebrates not only achievement but also personal growth, perseverance and teamwork.

SPECIALIST COLLEGE SPORTS AWARD

Jessica - who competes at a high standard out of school including County Standard Athletics.

SPECIALIST COLLEGE HUMANITIES AWARD

Ollie - who is an exceptionally talented geographer.

SARAH MARIE FOULDS MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR CONTRIBUTION TO FAITH LIFE

Ayowande - a central part of the chaplaincy team.

ROGER BARLOW ENDEAVOUR AWARD

Teri May - who has faced challenges but shown courage, resilience and perseverance. A true role model.

MICK ENNIS SPORTING COMMITMENT AWARD

Sam - who has attended every club, whether refereeing, leading or coaching.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY AWARD (in memory of Ken Hare)

Reggie - who has shown passion and resilience when developing design work.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY AWARD (Hospitality and Catering) in memory of Mick Arcangelo

Amelia - who works hard every lesson.

A huge thank you also to our musicians and performers who helped to make it a magical night.

Our Design Technology and Textile classes have been using different design techniques to make pillow cases.

Year 9 Kaitlyn said:

"We have used a range of cultural designs so each quarter is different. "I have enjoyed doing it as it allows us to express our creativity."



Academy hopes



There are two Year 9 pupils who are signed up to professional clubs. Right back Raf is at Port Vale while midfielder Carter has been at Burnley's Academy for seven years.

Key skills



A number of our pupils took part in the Wimbledon Foundation's Set for Success programme. This is a new school youth leadership initiative funded by the Wimbledon Foundation and delivered in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust. Through 12 sessions pupils explored key skills and behaviours such as communication, self-belief, teamwork, self-management and problem solving. They put them into action through a social action project. This involved our Year 9 Leaders overseeing 30 Year 6 pupils who were taking part in a range of different sporting activities. They were a credit to the school.



Year 9 Vase winners

Blessed Trinity Year 9s were crowned Vase winners in a RFU England Rugby Competition for Northern Schools. The team played seven games in the morning and won two, drawn two and lost three. They finished fifth and qualified for the Vase. In the afternoon, they played three games and won two of them to be crowned Vase winners.

Cheering success

Well done to our cheerleading team who finished second in the Burnley Schools competition at Sir John Thursby. The 19-strong team have been training hard since January, with Cheerleading Club every Thursday lunch-time. Year 9 Kate said: "It's like one big family. It's been such good fun. "I have been involved since Year 7 and we have all grown together, while we are using our experience to help the younger pupils. "We have all been dedicated and determined and have improved a lot over the years."



Our Year 9 footballers won the Burnley Schools Cup. They overcame Shuttleworth College 2-1 in the final.



Our Year 8s won the Burnley Athletics Championships at Seedhill track.



Joy for tee-ball team

Pupils in KS3 took part in an inclusive Tee-ball event. The boys represented the school brilliantly and came second, only losing one of their games and winning the rest. Aydon and Leyton won badges for teamwork.

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