



# Newsletter

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## Year 7s on friends, food and lessons

Year 7s have given the thumbs up to Blessed Trinity school life.

We spoke to a selection of newly-arrived pupils about how they are enjoying secondary school so far and how their first term has gone as a Blessed pupil.

Jaxon, who went to Casterton Primary Academy, said: "The staff are really nice and I have found my way around the school easily."

"My favourite lesson is PE and probably the best thing about Blessed Trinity so far is the food, it's a lot better. I have joined the rugby club."

Amy, who went to St John the Baptist RC Primary School, said: "The best thing is making a lot of new friends."

"It's different from primary school as I have to find my way around three floors so there is a lot of walking!"

"My favourite lesson is RE and I have joined the gym, textiles and dance clubs. I want to be a fashion designer."

Aurora, who attended St Mary's said: "The teachers are nice and I have settled in well."

"I agree with the food being good, it's really tasty."



"My favourite lessons are Art and Science and I have joined rugby, gym, textiles and chaplaincy clubs."

Clair explained: "My favourite lessons are Maths and Science. I have made a lot of new friends here so it's been good. I want to be a doctor."

Julen is another food fan. He said: "The food is tasty! My favourite lessons are Art, Science, History and Textiles."

Noah is a big fan of Science. "I love it as you get to use the bunsen burners. I definitely want to do something with Science in the future."

Lucy added: "My favourite subjects are English and Maths. I like the fact that you don't stay in the same class. You mix a lot more and make a lot more friends. The teachers have helped me settle in a lot as well."

## Faith life is at heart of all we do

Our Catholic teaching is at the heart of everything we do.

We live up to our motto 'Love God, Serve Others, Work Hard, Value All' in all we do in school.

This can be seen in a variety of ways such as the good deeds we do here, including with our Mission Leaders who promote faith life in school.

We are sorry to say one of our Mission Leaders, Year 9 Abel (pictured) has spent his final day at Blessed Trinity as he is moving to Devon. He describes it as 'exciting and sad at the same time.'

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# Open Evening



We welcomed prospective parents, guardians and pupils to Blessed Trinity for our bumper Open Evening. Headteacher Mrs Williams gave two introductory talks to tell all those present about our fantastic school. Our Prefect Team represented the school perfectly, showing people around and explaining all about life at Blessed Trinity, from lessons to extra-curricular activities. Prospective pupils had the chance to look at our outstanding sports facilities as well as talk to teachers in each subject. In Religious Education, we explored the big questions of faith and life while in English, there was scrabble and a performance of a Shakespearian 'Whoosh.'

Science offered gruesome bodies, explosive reactions, methane bubbles and more. In Maths, there was a treasure hunt, chess and puzzles while in Humanities, pupils had the chance to build a sustainable city for 2050 in Geography and look at if they could survive in the Middle Ages in History. Design and Technology showed off their GCSE work and, in Hospitality and Catering, there was a chance to see our chefs cooking up various treats. There was also the opportunity to see our 3D printer and laser cutter in action, have a go at printing in textiles and generally see everything our school has to offer.

## Entrepreneurs making big plans



Our Young Enterprise team are currently fundraising as they plan their project for this school year. Pupils from Year 7-11 are involved in Young Enterprise, where pupils think of a product which they make, market and sell at various fairs. They are currently fundraising through their Hallowe'en raffle where the prize is a plastic pumpkin full of goodies. Lucy said: "We are still discussing ideas. We had thought about a dog bandana or maybe a bouquet of pipe cleaners. We have to think about health and safety and the environment, it has to be eco-friendly, so there is a lot to discuss."

# Blessed Trinity hit the bullseye

Blessed Trinity staff have hit the bullseye as we are now a Junior Darts Education Learning Centre, linked to the Junior Darts Corporation. Several members of staff have undergone training, the equipment has been ordered and, all being well, sessions – who are for everyone – should start next school term. Finance Manager Mr Magee has led the charge and said: “We will be one of the first schools in England to be a Junior Darts Education Learning Centre and we think it’s an amazing opportunity for our pupils. “Darts has been shown to increase attendance, increase pupil engagement, develop maths and numeracy skills, improve strategic thinking and build confidence. Our sessions are open to all, from a novice to someone who is good at darts. There is something for everyone.” Mr Juriansz is one of the staff who will run the sessions, with the plan to have one Friday morning and others during lunch and after-school. The PE department are looking at adding it to their curriculum. Mr Juriansz said: “I had thought about starting a Darts Club to help with maths, pupils calculating doubles and trebles and thinking strategically.



“When I heard about Blessed Trinity becoming a Junior Darts Education Learning Centre, I was thrilled. “It’s not just playing darts everyone knows, like 501 or hitting a double before they start, as this means it’s not always accessible to everyone. “We have ordered some dart boards called Equaliser Boards and they have bigger doubles, trebles and the bullseye. This makes it easier to hit the targets and it’s about enjoyment. “On these boards, we will work on the ABC programme where there are hundreds of games, from hitting colours to the more familiar darts games.

“We can lower the board, bring the oche closer, and play different games so every pupil can get involved. “It may just encourage a love of darts or, if they find they excel at it, they could end up on the Talent ID programme and who knows? “They could become a professional darts player.” The JDE said: “JDE are excited to work with Mr Magee and his team at Blessed Trinity – the training session went very well and the school children should be excited for the up-coming darts provision. We look forward to seeing the positive impact in the up-coming term.”



## Archie takes charity lead

Our Mission Leaders organise charity events and they are currently collecting items such as toiletries and children’s toys for Safe-Net Domestic Abuse and Support Services

Year 9 Archie said: “I have been involved in this since Year 7 and this year I am taking the lead which I am excited about. I go into forms with the trolley to try and encourage donations. I like helping people.”

This is our School Council for the school year 2026-7. It’s been a very democratic process to elect the council with ten pupil from each year group initially chosen to apply. There was then a competitive process where it was reduced to three from each year group to make up the School Council. They are currently planning events for World Kindness Day on November 13<sup>th</sup>.





Our Year 7 Sports Ambassadors are ready to encourage and inspire a love of sport. They were chosen after filling in a form which teacher Paddy assessed and then a group were selected for training. Lucy said: "We have worked on leadership, team work and communication so far. We will help with primary school events and encourage others to take part on PE."

## £1,400 new book boost

The library will have a host of new books thanks to a Department for Education grant – and the pupils are delighted. We were given £1,400 as part of the DfE secondary school funding to support reading for enjoyment as part of National Year of Reading.

Librarian Mrs Archangelo said: "We are absolutely thrilled. We have made sure the pupils have been involved in choosing the books and when they arrive, they can't wait to unpack the boxes. "It really will make a big difference to our library and the books we can offer to our pupils."



## Librarians are happy to help

Look out for our Library 'Happy to Help' heroes!

Oliver, Lucas, Mohammad and Matthew have volunteered to assist in the library at break and lunch-times to help the Year 7s with any computing problems.

They have special dark blue jackets so they can be easily identified.

Year 10 Matthew said: "We help them with the monitors or keyboards. I like being a library assistant, I enjoy reading."

# GCSE RESULTS DAY



Grace celebrated nine Grade 9s – and just missed out on a tenth by two marks. Grace achieved almost a clean sweep of the top grade with her Further Maths still a brilliant Grade 8. “I am shocked,” said Grace. “I did not expect this at all. I am thrilled and pretty speechless. “I am studying Maths, Economics, Sociology and Computer Science at Clitheroe Grammar School.”

Thomas also achieved amazing results with two Grade 9s and eight Grade 8s. “I am impressed, I did not expect this at all. To get a Grade 8 in History is crazy as I didn’t think I had done very well. I am at Burnley College studying Maths, Further Maths and Chemistry as I want become a chemical engineer.”

Deputy Head Boy George admitted he ‘couldn’t complain’ about his fantastic results. George had been doing some work experience with Burnley MP Oliver Ryan over the summer. He achieved seven Grade 9s among his 10 GCSEs. “I am over the moon. My favourite Grade 9 is Further Maths as that means a lot to me. “I am at Burnley College, studying Maths, Computer Science and Politics.”

Kimberly said her overall feeling was relief after her GCSE results, where she achieved three Grade 9s, five Grade 8s and two Grade 7s. “It is more relief than anything as it was a lot of pressure,” said Kimberly. “I got my Grade 9s in Maths, Science and English Language so I am happy with that.” Kimberly is at Clitheroe Grammar School studying A-Levels in, among others, Maths, Sociology and Psychology.

Olivia said she had done so much better than she expected. Olivia celebrated two Grade 9s, three Grade 8s and four Grade 7s. “I am really surprised because I thought I had failed my English! I am studying A-Levels in Politics, Biology and Chemistry. I want to be a radiologist.”

Head Boy Dawud achieved two Grade 9s, three Grade 8s and four Grade 7s among his results. “I will be honest, I was expecting more but I also can’t complain as I did my best. “I am at Clitheroe Grammar School studying A-Levels in Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Politics.”

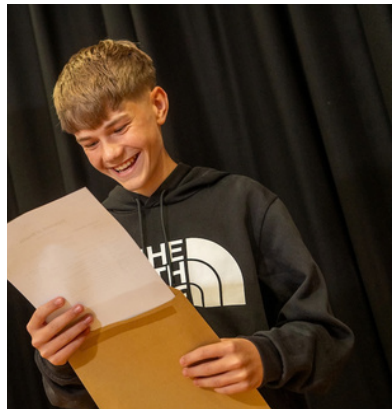
Sadie celebrated as all her GCSEs were Grade 7-9. “I am surprised I got a Grade 9 in Religious Studies, I wasn’t expecting that at all. “I am dyslexic so to get a Grade 7 in English Literature and then a Grade 8 in English Language, as I do struggle to spell at times, is amazing. School have really helped me. “I want to do something medical in the future.”

Luke was happy with a host of Grade 8s and a Grade 9 in Religious Studies. “I wasn’t expecting these results!” he said. “I got a Grade 7 in English Language and I was expecting a Grade 5 so I am shocked! “I am at Burnley College and want to be a Marine Biologist.”

Head Girl Danni achieved six Grade 8s and two Grade 7s among her results. “I want to be an adolescent psychiatrist. I am at Burnley College studying Biology, Chemistry, Music and Psychology A-Levels.”

Keaton exceeded his expectations. Mum Leah said: “He has autism, he really struggled and missed four years of school when he was younger. He came here in Year 8 and has knuckled down since then and has done really well, with eight GCSEs.” Keaton said: “I am so happy. I didn’t think I would pass the exams I did. I am doing an apprenticeship in electrical installation.”

Inaaya wants to be an optometrist. She achieved two Grade 9s and five Grade 8s among her GCSEs. “I am studying Biology, Chemistry and Maths.”



# Revision sessions are proving popular

It may seem like May 2027 is a long way off but our Year 11s are already attending extra sessions in preparation for their GCSEs. We are putting on a host of extra revision sessions, with intervention sessions in mornings during form time and extra classes after school. Zach said: "I have been going to Maths after school revision classes and it's really helped as you cover things you haven't covered for a while." Madison said: "I have attended Maths and Product Design revision sessions and they are useful." Maria said: "Morning intervention sessions are instead of form time and these run on Thursdays and Fridays and cover the core subjects such as Maths, English and Science. "They have made me understand Maths better." Evie said: "They have helped me as the teacher has longer to explain certain things rather than have a limited time."



## Keep up the good work!



Commitment, positive attitude and hard work does make a massive difference – and it is rewarded at Blessed Trinity.

We have our Rewards system where pupils can pick up points for behaviour, attendance, punctuality and more and fill out their Rewards Passport to log their achievements throughout the term.

All pupils who had excellent attendance and 100% positive points during the Autumn Term were celebrated at our Rewards Day where there were a range of prizes on offer from a goodie bag, a MacDonalds meal, vouchers for Starbucks and Amazon, a cinema voucher and much more.

We hope everyone who was in the draw was proud of their engagement and achievement – keep it up!

## Pupils write on 'Wanted!'

These are some of our pupils who will have their work published as part of a Talent for Writing competition, run by the English Department. They had to write 100 words from the title 'Wanted' with a high calibre of entries.



## Top Lancs spot for Alex



Well done to Year 9 Alex who represented the school at the English Schools Fell Running Championships, hosted by Sedbergh School. He ran in the combined Year 8 and 9 race, a 4.9km course with 305m of ascent, against 144 finishers. For Year 9 boys, he finished 25th overall and was in the top three Lancashire runners in his year group. It was a tough, competitive field, with schools coming from Yorkshire, the North-West and North-East. Alex runs for Rossendale Harriers and has been running since Year 5. He said: "I really enjoy it. I like the cross countries and fells most at the moment. I want to do more with running in the future."

## Spotlight on Staff: Mr Harwood



Curriculum Lead for Humanities Mr Harwood celebrated a personal best in the Chester Marathon.

Mr Harwood completed the Chester Triple Series across the course of the year.

The 10km was in March, the Half-Marathon in May and then culminating in the marathon in October, which earned the Triple medal for doing all three.

Mr Harwood said: "I ran the marathon in 3:34:00 which was a personal best for me by over 8 minutes.

"I am a passionate runner and always hope that I can inspire others to achieve their goals - whatever they may be, running or otherwise.

"I came back to the marathon because my best time had stood for more than 10 years at the Vienna Marathon in 2016 and I also just turned 40 earlier this year so wanted to prove to myself that I can still improve even though I am starting to get past my 'prime'!"

We are always encouraging our pupils to attend events which gives them plenty of information about future careers.

Our Year 9 Girls STEM Group attended a SySTEM Burnley FC Group.

It's used to give girls confidence in STEM and in their session they used lego building kits to solve different scenarios.

We also attended a Future Careers Conference at the Dunkenhallgh.

It was all about post-16 careers where they could talk to different providers.

Alfie said: "They gave us a lot of information which was helpful. It made me think about where I want to do my A-Levels."

## Look to the future



## Communication is key

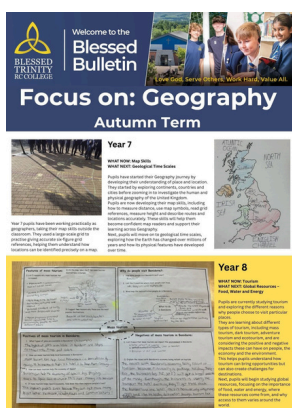
At Blessed Trinity, we are always trying to improve our ways of communicating with parents/guardians.

We have this newsletter which is produced every term, highlighting a variety of success stories.

We recently introduced our Blessed Trinity Bulletin which is teaching and learning based, showing what pupils should be learning about in each year group in a particular subject. This is emailed every fortnight.

We also have our weekly update on attendance, rewards and behaviour which is sent out on Arbor as well as our weekly Parental Calendar, which contains information on events coming up.

If you have any ideas on how we can improve our communication please contact Dr Tuohy on: jtuohy@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk



# Our Sporting teams

Our Year 7 boys started their English Schools Cup campaign in convincing style with a 12-0 win over Bradford Forster Academy.

They now play Chesterfield High School.

In the Lancashire Cup, the Year 7 boys have progressed to the next round after beating Unity 2-1 and Shuttleworth 5-1 in a round robin competition at BTRCC.



The Year 10 boys advance into the next round of the English Schools Cup, after a dominant display over St Augustine's, winning 3-1. They now play Ilkley Grammar School in the next round. They have drawn Shuttleworth in the Lancashire Cup.



Year 9 boys reached the second round of the English Schools Cup, where they faced a strong Ribblesdale High School team, losing 4-1. In the Lancashire Cup, they lost on penalties to Our Lady's High School.



Year 8 boys travelled to Bowland High School in the English Schools Cup but unfortunately lost on penalties. In the Lancashire Cup the Year 8 boys lost out to Unity.



The Year 7 girls lost out to a strong St Augustine's side in the English Schools Cup. In the Lancashire Cup, they progressed into the next round, winning in impressive style 5-2 against Colne Park High School.



The Y7 girls rugby team played their first Burnley Schools rugby fixture against Unity. The game ended up 4 tries to 2 in favour of the visitors.

The Year 8 girls lost in the first round of the English Schools Cup to a strong and well organised Haslingden High School team and lost to Shuttleworth College in the Lancashire Cup first round.



The Year 9/10 Girls lost 4-3 on penalties, in a thrilling game at Unity, that ended 3-3. Year 9 girls will play against Ribblesdale in round two of the Lancashire Cup while Year 10 face Darwen Vale.

