



Newsletter

Spring term 2024



GCSE ready for Year 11s!

It's GCSE time and our Year 11s say they are going into every exam the best prepared they can possibly be thanks to the hard work and dedication of everyone at Blessed Trinity. Aaliyah, who wants to go onto St Christopher's Sixth Form Centre, said: "There have been revision sessions after school since before Christmas.

"They are every night – even Fridays as we have Religious Studies.

"The teachers are very reassuring, telling us to believe in ourselves.

"We also have booklets where we have practice questions."

Head Boy Wayes, who will go to Burnley College to study A-Levels, said: "We have been very well-prepared, there has been extended revision sessions in every subject.

"They have been really well-attended – we have two hours every Saturday morning in science and more than 60 people attend.

"The teachers go all out to make sure we know all the information, they go above and beyond for us.

"To help us retain our knowledge we have Knowledge Organisers where, after every topic in every subject, we make a summary of what we have learnt so we can go back and read that to remember key words and certain information.

"We have 'Live in 5' where, at the start of a lesson, we go over five key topics we learnt in the last lesson so it's using questions to retrieve key knowledge around previous learning.

"We also have 'TIF' – Take It Further – where we can have special questions to deepen our thinking on the topics we are studying. It's all really helpful to make sure we retain the information."

Samantha, who wants to go to St Christopher's Sixth Form, said: "There have been a lot of revision sessions. If we have an exam in the afternoon, we go to the theatre in Period 3 to make sure we feel confident and ready for the exam."

George, who wants to go to Burnley College to study a T-Level in Health as he wants a career as a paramedic, said: "The teachers are supportive and very dedicated. You feel ready going into exams."



Dylan's Gold award

Well done to Year 8 Dylan who was the top performer in school in the UK Maths Trust Junior Maths Challenge.

It's a national competition where pupils are put forward by their maths teacher to sit the exam, which is multiple choice questions.

103 pupils took part from Blessed Trinity and Dylan achieved gold, with 92 points, while seven pupils collected silver awards and 29 achieved bronze.

Dylan will now go through to the next stage which is the Junior Kangaroo round.

Dylan said: "It was tricky but maths is one of my favourite subjects and I hope to do something with maths in the future."

Our Young Enterprise team are award winners!



It's been awards galore for Blessed Trinity's Young Enterprise team.

The team have written, illustrated and printed a book 'Nature's Pursuit' about the environment and deforestation, aimed at primary school pupils. They were runners-up in the Lancashire and Cumbria Young Enterprise competition and won best product at a Young Enterprise competition at the Trafford Centre.

They were the only secondary school to get through to the Northwest Young Enterprise Finals at Manchester Metropolitan University Business School and won two awards – sustainability and creativity.

Managing Director and Year 10 pupil Maisie said: "We got really good feedback. They said we obviously cared about our product and that it was unique compared to everyone else.

"They praised the time and effort which had gone into our product too."

Zohar said: "It was scary making our presentation in front of three judges and a huge audience but we did well, especially as we were the only high school involved."

They have been entered for a European Award in Italy so we are waiting to hear from that!

Year 9 intrepid journalists

A group of Year 9s are taking part in a Digital Advantage Future U Project where they are being intrepid journalists.

The group have created a digital news team called Romero Relayers and have been on a six-day course with Freelance Marketing Director Bernard Page from Future U to pick up tips.

The team learnt and delivered website content, branding, photography, videography, editing, scriptwriting, interviewing and branding.

The team had to improvise and show great resilience to meet the deadline and deliver the project.

"We have interviewed teachers and fellow pupils and are in the process of setting up our own website where we can put videos and news on it," said Katrina.

"We also went to Burnley College and worked with their media department.

"It's fun, we enjoy it and we get to work together. We have learnt to work as a team and it has also helped to build up our confidence."



Watch them roar!

Since the start of the school year, our cheerleading team, the Blessed Trinity Tigers, have been training every Friday after school to work towards performances and competitions.

They have been immensely motivated and dedicated towards the team and have improved their skills week on week.

Cheerleading consists of five key sections that include: chants, dance, stunts, tumblers and jumps.

Over the Christmas period, the girls raised the money needed towards their uniforms through candy cane deliveries and bakery goods.

The girls are thrilled with their new uniforms and wear them with pride along with their personalised cheer bows!



News in brief



A feast of maths

We entered two teams into the Maths Feast competition at Burnley College.

There were teams from all over Lancashire taking part in maths challenges.

One of our teams won 'the best in construction' at the event. Well done to everyone who took part!



Sports Ambassadors shine

Our Sports Ambassadors have been praised by primary schools for their professionalism.

Our Sports Ambassadors are Year 7, 8s and 9s and one of them Sam said: "We help out at sporting events. We had to write an application and have a trial.

"We help out at sports events in school and also at primary school events. We are all sports fans."



Talent at our Dance Club

Our Dance Club have performed 'Birds Set Free' at Burnley College and many of them are now working towards the school production of 'High School Musical.' Dance Club is every Tuesday.



Coding Club's Mental Health app

In Coding Club, we have developed a mental health app for a National competition, being ran by Amazon. Students conducted their own research and designed the app. They then made a wireframe which outlined how the app would work.

Well done to Beatris, Christa, Lilliana, George, Dawud, Aleesha and Emilia in Year 9.



Medals galore for PNE goalie Li-Bau

Year 11 Li-Bau has been training with Preston North End's first team after winning a host of medals this season.

The goalkeeper won the Youth Alliance League and coveted Youth Alliance Cup with PNE and was also part of the Lancashire Under 16s team which won the English Schools Football Association National County Cup - meaning they are the best county team in the country - played at Stoke City's BET 365 Stadium against Sussex.

"That was a great game," said Li-Bau, who kept eight clean sheets in his 10 games for Lancashire. "It was 2-2 and then we scored in the last minute. It was an amazing feeling and I ran the length of the pitch to celebrate!"

At 6ft 1" he says his best asset is his distribution.

"I have been playing for Preston's Under 18s, Under 20s, Under 23s sides and have been training with the first team. I have been very lucky."

Li-Bau, who is currently sitting his GCSEs, has a scholarship at Deepdale until he is 18 after being spotted playing for Rosegrove Juniors.

"I want to be a professional footballer."



Top darter Junior aims to be next Luke Littler!

Year 10 Junior hopes to hit the bullseye and become the next Luke Littler!

Junior has been playing darts for two years and is ranked 41st in England at Under 17 level.

"I started around two years ago at Blackburn Youth Darts Academy, my uncle inspired me.

"It's for people aged 10-17 and we compete all over the UK.

"I just love it and Luke Littler has made it more popular among my generation.

"It's helped my maths as well.

"I have been picked as one of the top 10 at Blackburn to compete in a team event in Coventry next month which is a big event in darts.

"Then I aim to qualify for the Development Tour which can happen when I am 16.

"I want to be a professional darts player.

"My walk-on song is Freed from Desire - I was surprised no one had that!

"It's a big year for me."

Battle is on to take the House title off Lourdes!

The battle for the House title is reaching its peak.

House Lourdes are the current holders but Jerusalem are leading the way to take the title off them.

Pictured are our victorious Year 8 orienteering team, who completed the activity around school.

Previous competitions have included quick cricket and an Easter Card event. The next competitions are a recycling competition, linked to the Eco-Club.

Sports Day will be double points!

CURRENT SCORES:

Jerusalem 508

Nazareth 484

Walsingham 464

Rome 396

Lourdes 389



Pupils have their say on NHS

Three Blessed Trinity pupils have been part of a consultation with the East Lancashire Hospital Trust (ELHT) to give their views on hospitals for teenagers.

Maisie, Erin and George went along as part of the School Council, along with pupils from St John Thursby, to talk about improvements which can be made from their point of view.

Maisie said: "It's things like doctors involving children with the check-ups and having child-friendly areas in hospitals. "It's to put an action plan together to go forward."

George, who wants to be a paramedic, said: "It was good being able to give our opinion - it's a different point of view. Children don't get their say so we are giving suggestions to make it better for them in a hospital."

Erin added: "It's about improving childrens facilities, such as activities in waiting rooms."



Four of our pupils take part in The British Horse Society's Changing Lives Through Horses programme every week at Moorview Equestrian Centre in Darwen.

The CLtH programme uses a range of awards and achievements within a professional equine setting linked to the school curriculum, but it's focused and structured towards promoting holistic development and nurturing six life skills: building relationships, communication, confidence, responsibility, teamwork and perseverance.



Drama Club's mobile phone play has vital message



Our Drama Club have devised and performed a story about mobile phones and have been delivering it at Blessed Trinity to the 13 primary schools in the Romero Trust.

Sami explained: "It's to teach Year 4 pupils that phones aren't everything."

The group worked with Burnley Youth Theatre to devise the script.

It centres around one pupil who hasn't got a mobile phone, another who has got an old one, one who has got a new one with restrictions and one who has a phone with no restrictions and how it affects their school lives.

Year 8 Hannah said: "I enjoy Drama Club and would like to go into acting."

Drama Club meet every Wednesday after-school.



Pupils receive Blue Peter badge!

Every pupil in 7 Romero wrote a letter to Blue Peter and received their famous 'Blue Peter' badges!

They had to send a creative contribution to the BBC to earn a badge.

It could be a poem, a story, some artwork, a model, a recipe, a suggestion for the show, or an interesting letter about hobbies and interests.

Once pupils have a Blue badge, they can apply for other badges in subjects such as music, sport, reading and a Silver badge.



REMINDER: School reopens on Monday 3rd June 2024 for Summer Term

Retreats

Retreats are an important part of our life here at Blessed Trinity - they are a time for reflection, prayer, team building, well-being, learning new skills and much more.

Year 9 spent time at Soli House in Stoke this term, Year 8 visited Savio House in Cheshire in Year 8 and Year 7 enjoyed their adventures at Alton Castle.



Retreats



Eco-Club News

Our Eco-Club is taking care of the environment at Blessed Trinity. They meet every Tuesday after school and have so far painted rocks to decorate in the garden and given to care homes, they have helped to plant trees with the Young Enterprise group - as the Young Enterprise's 'Nature's Pursuit' book is all about the environment - and they have made flowers with waste plastic. Alix said: "I like Eco-Club as I enjoy contributing to it and it's a nice wind down after a school day." They have other plans in place such as litter picking and delivering information about Eco-Club in assemblies in the next term.



Our reward stars!

Congratulations to the hundreds of pupils who have already achieved Bronze and Silver award badges so far this year. We look forward to seeing many more pupils joining those who have earned Gold and even Platinum awards in the Summer Term. There awards are presented on merit points collected. Merit points are awarded to pupils for correct uniform, attitude to learning, punctuality, the correct equipment, behaviour, extra-curricular activities and more. Well done!

Sergeant Jayden makes the grade

Jayden is a Sergeant! Having started Air Cadets in September 2022, Year 11 Jayden has gained badges in leadership, First Aid, flying/gliding, marksmanship, radio and cyber, as well as completing his bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. He got promoted to Corporal in September last year and in April he was promoted to Sergeant.

"It was tough as you had to fill in an application form, attend an interview and I was assessed as I worked as a Corporal. It's huge for me as I am the only Sergeant in our squadron. "It means I can do more courses when I am 16 and now have more responsibility around the squadron - it's a high level of leadership. "I want to go into the RAF when I am 16."



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