



# Newsletter

Summer term 2024



## Our perfect Prefects!

This is our Prefect team for the next school year, pictured with Headteacher Mrs Williams! Our Head Boy is Jayden with our Head Girl Maisie. Our Deputies are Jensen and Erin. There are also our Platinum Prefects - with their platinum ties - and our prefects who will help around school and in our community. Well done to everyone.



## Class of 2024 look ahead



A number of our Year 11s are looking to the future as they await their GCSE results on August 22nd. Eve hopes to go to Burnley College to study Spanish, Sociology, Law and Maths. She said: "I am keeping my options open. I want to go into Law but I am also interested in Maths so it depends how I do in my Maths GCSE." Haider is also going to Burnley College. He said: "I want to study Biology, Chemistry and Maths to do something in the medical sector. "I have enjoyed PE at Blessed Trinity as I enjoy boxing."

Ben is also aiming for Burnley College. He said: "I want to do A-Levels in Maths, Geography and Sociology and maybe become a pilot." Jaiden hopes to go into nursing or social care. "I want to go to Burnley College to do Health and Social Care. My mum and my sister are nurses." Molly said: "I have loved school as I love learning. I also want to go to Burnley College to do A-Levels in Criminology, Law, History and Sociology."

**Read more about our Class of 2024 at [www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)**

# Success at Teen Tech Awards



Selected Year 8 pupils looked at inventions for the future at the National Teen Tech Awards held at UCLAN.

The National Teen Tech Awards are for innovation and use of AI technology.

Ava, Isabelle, Kiera, Jessica, Hannah, Momina, Cody and Jakub all received Bronze Awards for their ideas.

Freya got through to the final awards ceremony in London – an incredible achievement as there were more than 1500 national entries and only 60 got through to the London event.

Freya collected a Silver Award and, because she completed her project in school, Blessed Trinity also received a Silver Award and have been accredited as a 'Silver Teen Tech Centre of Innovation'.

Freya said: "It was amazing going to London, I met a lot of cool people. My invention was an AI nuclear power plant underground so there is no air pollution. Over the years, people will forget it's there but continue to get their power."

Cody said: "With Jakub, we developed an AI application where you put your rubbish in the bin and get points which transfer to money. You are helping the environment and it helps with the cost of living." Isabelle, Ava, Keira and Jessica's invention was helping food security by growing your own food.

Three pupils were involved in the Blaze project which was inspired by the work of pioneering Burnley filmmaker and educator Sam Hanna.

Louka-May, Florrie and Zohaib worked alongside filmmaker Graham Kay as he helped the pupils learn and understand the film process.

Groups of pupils from three different schools around Burnley and Pendle worked together to make and produce a film investigating the past, present and future of their local area.

Pupils visited the film archives in Manchester and a launch event at Towneley Hall.

Blessed Trinity investigated the future of education for their part of the film – what it might look like, the impact of technology such as AI, whether schools and teachers will even still exist in the year 2100!

The final outcome was a celebration event in the centre of Burnley where certificates were given out, the full film was shown to all, photographs displayed, which were taken throughout the project, and presentation of a book written about Sam Hanna.

## Filmmakers of the future



## DofE aim high

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is always popular at Blessed Trinity and 62 pupils are currently involved in achieving their Bronze and Silver awards.

Run by Miss Place, the group have already been on an overnight expedition around Barley and Pendle, staying at Whitehough overnight.

On top of the expedition, the other sections are physical, volunteering and skills.

William said: "The weather was good for our expedition so it was good. I decided to do the DoE because it was a chance to have fun with my friends."

# News in brief



## Headteacher's Tea Party

149 pupils - who have not received a single behaviour point - were invited to celebrate with Mrs Williams at her annual 'Tea Party'

Well done to all of these pupils! Keep up the good work.



## STEM Challenge Day

Seven Year 8 pupils travelled to Cumbria University for the North Lancashire and Cumbria STEM Challenge Day. The pupils, using E-Fit technology used by the police to make E-Fits of suspects, took part in coding robots and medical diagnostics. The pupils were a credit to the school.



## STEM winners!

Year 8 pupils William and Alyona were part of the overall winning team for the whole of North Lancashire and Cumbria on the STEM Challenge Day at Cumbrian University (see above!). They were presented with a trophy and invited to the NATIONAL STEM CHALLENGE in January 2025.



## D-Day landings 80th anniversary

Our head prefects attended the Burnley Memorial Service for the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in May.



## Work experience pays off

Year 10 pupils ventured into the work place with one gaining an apprenticeship after impressing during her week.

Isabella wants to be a hairdresser and she went to the ELM Academy in Bacup. "I loved it. I mixed bleach, washed hair, swept up and made coffee and they have offered me an apprenticeship when I finish school which is brilliant for me."

Head girl Maisie worked in the city in Manchester, alongside her sister, at PwC, a global consultancy firm.

"It was interesting, I met a lot of people, I did some research and helped with the interns."

Salwin wants to be a graphic designer but worked with his dad on cars.

"I helped with tinting and things like that. It's not really what I want to do but I enjoyed it."

Alfie will sign up to the army, the Parachute Regiment, once he finishes school but he spent his work experience at Solomon Commercials.

They work with refrigerated vehicles and Alfie said: "I helped to make panels. They make refrigerated vans for the supermarkets. I quite enjoyed it but my dream is to join the army."

Aimee went to Boundary Mill. "I helped out on the shop floor, putting clothes on rails, printing, scanning and unpacking. It kept me busy!"



## Double success for dart players

Two Year 7 pupils are hitting double top for Blackburn Youth Darts Academy.

DJ is in the Elite team and Alfie the Intermediate and they have been involved in a number of competitions.

DJ said: "I have been playing darts for 18 months. I enjoy it and we play in a number of tournaments. Since Luke Littler has been doing so well, it has definitely increased in popularity. Everyone my age seems to want to do it!"

Alfie said: "I have been playing for four months and feel I am pretty good at it. I was to get even better."

# Junior Awards Evening



Top performing pupils celebrated their Junior Awards Evening at St Mary RC Church. The Guest of Honour was Heather Murray OBE, who worked for 42 years in the civil service and was given an OBE for her services to vulnerable people and social justice. Mrs Murray talked about how much she loved school, how she was the first academic in her family and her long career in the civil service. She said: "My advice is to aim big and have a goal and a vision. There will be setbacks but these make you stronger and more resilient. "Be the best you can, be enthusiastic and enjoy what you do. "Also be innovative, take a risk to make a change and also have self-belief, have faith and integrity and also have humility." She ended saying: "You are the future, live your passion, be open to new ideas and show compassion. Do not be discouraged." Head Boy Jayden welcomed everyone while Head Girl Maisie gave a Vote of Thanks the end. Certificates were presented to Years 7,8, 9 and 10 for Assessment Grades and Form Merits. There were also awards for full attendance and punctuality as well as Year 10 Individual Subject Awards for Achievement.

In the Special Awards, Contribution to College Life, the Year 7 Award was given to Vivienne, the Year 8 Award to Ayowande, Year 9 to Dominic and Year 10 to Jayden. Awards for Receiving Most Merits were presented to: Year 7 Kate, Year 8 Greta, Year 9 George and Year 10 Ruby . In other awards, the Work Skills Award was given to Kyle, The Duke of Edinburgh Award, nominated by teacher Miss Place, was awarded to Lila. The Specialist College Sports Award was presented to Connor, who is at Accrington Stanley's Academy. Louka-May studies both history and geography and she was awarded the Specialist College Humanities Award. The Contribution to the Community Award was presented to Head Girl Maisie while the Sarah-Marie Foulds Memorial Trophy for Contribution to College Faith Life as given to Faeheema. The Roger Barlow Endeavour Award was awarded to Zarina for overcoming a number of setbacks and showing resilience to become a prefect. The final award was presented to Kodi – the Sporting Commitment Award in memory of former teacher Mick Ennis.

## Poem success



Well done to Year 8 Muhammad who won the Refugee Week poetry competition run by the Equality and Diversity Education Team at Lancashire County Council. Pupils from across the county had to write a poem or a story entitled 'Our Home' about what their home means to them. Muhammad's poem was selected as the winner! Please see below for the poem.



## Awards galore for pupils!

The Blessed Trinity Achievement Awards were held to celebrate the academic success of our pupils. Pupils from each class were nominated by their class teachers for their excellent attitudes to learning in their subject areas.

We also had the prestigious Headteachers Award for the pupils in each year group that made the best progress within their year group, shown through their assessment data.

We also celebrated pupils that had 100 per cent attendance. These pupils were put in a draw to win a £100 Amazon voucher. All pupils received a badge and a key ring to celebrate their success.

# Kind-hearted teachers raise money for charities



A number of our kind-hearted teachers have been fundraising for charities close to their hearts.

Religious Studies teacher Mr Horne is using pedal power to cycle to Lourdes this week to fundraise for the Children and Families Trust, which is part of the Salford Diocese.

“These funds will be used for young families or families with disabled children to take them to Lourdes for a pilgrimage.

“I have been to Lourdes 15 times and have seen people cycle for this trust and it was on my bucket list, especially as it’s a special anniversary of the trust this year.

“I am not a cyclist by nature but I have bought a bike, and the equipment and have been cycling 50k at weekends.

“I will be cycling 850km over seven days from the port in France. It’s a big challenge for me.

“So far I have raised £1500 personally and as a team we have reached £11,000 so far.”

Mr Horne’s Just giving page is called Martin’s CaFT Cycle to Lourdes 2024.



English teacher Miss Pointon’s five-year-old son Laurie Mitton has raised £2,300 for the Ronald McDonald House charity. He walked up Mount Skiddaw – twice the height of Pendle Hill – during the Easter holidays on behalf of his sister Effie who, in May 2023, was taken to Manchester Children’s Hospital after being born with heart, stomach and lung defects.

“Effie was on a ventilator for eight weeks so to have Ronald McDonald House where we could be together as a family was amazing,” said Miss Pointon.

“We could stay close to Effie while Laurie could come and visit and it was vital to us. It’s a wonderful place so we wanted to give something back.”

To contribute, here is the fundraising page:

[Amy Pointon is fundraising for Ronald McDonald House Charities \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Amy-Pointon-is-fundraising-for-Ronald-McDonald-House-Charities)



SEN Intervention Lead Miss Norris completed the Lake District Mighty Hike for Macmillan Cancer Support.

She said: “Participating in the half marathon hike for Macmillan was an amazing and rewarding experience.

“Covering 13.1 miles, the hike presented its own set of physical and mental challenges, from steep inclines to rugged terrain.

“Despite the difficulty, the rapport between fellow hikers and the scenic beauty along the route made it a fun and enjoyable.

“However, these challenges are minor in comparison to the daily battles faced by individuals with cancer.

“Their resilience and strength are truly inspiring, reminding us of the importance of supporting organisations like Macmillan that provide vital care and assistance.

“The hike was not just a test of endurance but also a tribute to the courage of those living with cancer, and it was an honour to contribute to such a meaningful cause. I will be doing the full marathon next year.”

# High School Musical



# Prom 2024



## Eleanor's First Class degree

Former pupil Eleanor Latham celebrated a First Class Honours Degree in Maths at Durham University – and linked up with Mr Blackburn at the ceremony!

ICT teacher Mr Blackburn was there for his daughter's ceremony - who is a friend of Eleanor's.

A huge well done to Eleanor who was our Deputy Head Girl and left Blessed Trinity in 2019 with an amazing nine Grade 9s and one Grade 8 in her GCSEs.



## County call-up for Sam



Year 9 Sam comes from a footballing family and is hoping to follow in their footsteps.

Sam's great grandad is Burnley's 1960 Championship winner and former manager Brian Miller, his grandad is Derek Scott while his dad is Paul and his uncle is Chris, who all played for the Clarets.

Midfielder Sam was selected by Mr Stubbs to attend trials for the Under 14 Lancashire Schoolboy team. There were 120 boys who attended the trials in September. Sam was invited back for a final trial with 39 others and he made the final 22-man squad.

"I have played four or five times for Lancashire and enjoyed it," said Sam, who has played for Pendle Forest and Rosegrove junior sides.

"It was big for me to be selected as my dad and my uncle were called up to Lancashire when they played."

Sam has just signed a contract with Salford, it's a pre-Academy contract where he hopes to earn a place at their Academy.

"My dream is to be a professional footballer," said Sam.

## Poster winners



Well done to Year 8 pupils Alyona (Lourdes) and Muhammad (Nazareth) who were two of our House Competition winners for designing a poster for our bins.

The idea was to design posters – one for recycling and the other for non-recyclable goods.

Layla (Nazareth) was a joint winner with Alyona for the Recyclable bin while Teri-May (Nazareth) was also a winner.

It was judged by our Eco-Club and now all the designs will be on our bins from September.



History came to life for a group of Year 9 pupils who have chosen history as a GCSE option next year.

They went on a trip to the Imperial War Museum.

Chloe said: "It was interesting especially as it covered some of the areas we will look at in GCSEs – World War 1, World War II, the Suffragettes and the IRA."

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