



# Newsletter

Autumn term 2024

## Thumbs up from Year 7s

“It’s a great school, it’s brilliant, I love it.”

This is glowing praise from Leo in Year 7 who was one of the new intake who talked about how they have enjoyed their first half-term at Blessed Trinity.

Leo continued: “It’s the best in every way. The teachers are helpful, the lessons are great. I enjoy PE and Geography.

“It’s been the best year for me as I have just been scouted for Burnley’s Academy Under 12s level as well!”

Assistant Headteacher Mrs Kelly said: “Our new Year 7s have had a fantastic start to life at Blessed Trinity. It all started with our Summer School which was full of pupils experiencing PE, Maths, Science and DT each day.

“Since starting, our Year 7s have been involved in everything school life has to offer. They had a special extra-curricular fair (pictures and story later in the newsletter).



“We had an external assembly with ‘street-wise’ coming in to speak to Year 7s all about road safety.

“Pupils also had the annual BAE Roadshow in school and we held a special ‘drop-in’ session for Year 7 parents for any queries.

“Several Year 7s volunteered at Open Evening which shows fantastic confidence, they have taken part in competitive sports such as cross-country and there’s a Retreat soon.”

Year 7 Lacey said: “I like the teachers, I’ve enjoyed meeting new people.

“My favourite lessons are Science, Maths and Performing Arts. I am very happy.”

Aronas said: “I like everything, I have made new friends and have new opportunities. There are lots of extra-curricular events.”

Konstantina said: “I love the lessons, and enjoy RE and English the most.”

Archie added: “I like the teachers, especially my RE teacher Mrs Fleming. It’s exciting, I have made a lot of new friends and have joined a number of clubs.”



## It gets tasty for the School Council!

The School Council have had a big say in the new-look dining facilities at school.

Over the summer, the dining room has been transformed with a ‘Grab and Go’ section, new booths and a new caterer in Mellors Catering.

The School Council played a part in selecting the new caterers as they, along with Operations Manager Mrs Pickles, were involved in the selection process, as companies pitched their ideas, and they also sampled the food.

They gave feedback asking for bigger portions and a better queuing system which were all implemented.

Head Boy Jayden said: “We can’t wait for the new School Council to put plans together to help the school run even better.”

# #HelloYellow for Young Minds



We supported the #HelloYellow campaign from Young Minds on October 10th on World Mental Health Day. The idea was to wear yellow and raise funds to show young people they're not alone with their mental health. We had props and a cake sale to raise awareness and funds. Mrs Pagliuca said: "You can teach about mental health but this campaign was more visual and encouraged pupil engagement."

Year 10 Danni, who is part of the School Council who took charge of this day, said: "We wanted to raise awareness and it was my idea to put chicks on our heads which drew more attention to us and got more people talking about why we were doing it."



## Out and about for Geography fieldwork

The Geography Department recently took four GCSE groups out of school to complete their GCSE fieldwork.

The groups visited Innovation Drive (on Bankcroft Road) and the River Don, that runs along the nature corridor next to the business park.

The group spent the morning investigating whether or not Innovation Drive has had a positive impact on Burnley.

The pupils collected data by conducting car park surveys, environmental surveys and by questioning the business manager at Lancashire Digital Technology.

In the afternoon, groups spent time investigating whether the River Don had changed as it moved downstream.

Pupils collected data by measuring river depth, river width and river velocity. Both trips provided pupils with valuable opportunities to test some of the theories we have studied in class.



## Running stars!

We had a number of winners in the Burnley School Cross-Country Championships, held at Towneley Park.

Our Year 7 winner was Alex S (right); our Year 9 winner was Harrison J (far left) and Connor B was first in the Year 11 Boys (left).

In the Girls, Jessica Gizon won the Year 9 race. Well done to everyone from BTRCC who took part! Thank you to DAVID BELSHAW for the photographs!



# News in brief



## Mr Kelly's pedal power

Mr Kelly got on his bike as part of the BAE Roadshow which came into school. The aim of the 'Electricity' Roadshow is to spark excitement for STEM subjects for pupils aged 10-13. Pupils learned how electricity is generated, how it works, the difference between conductors and insulators, and its crucial role in our world. It was an interactive presentation so Mr Kelly had to show his pedal power!



## 'Outstanding achievement'

Assistant Headteacher Mrs Keighley praised the 'absolutely outstanding achievement' of the top four pupils from each year group who have amassed a staggering 6,500 Merit Points. Year 7 Autumn said: "You get Merit Points for being a good pupil in class, for being independent, for behaviour and for completing your homework." Year 7 Amelia added: "You also get Merit Points for helping people if they need assistance." Mrs Keighley said: "This is an amazing achievement and we are so proud of all the pupils who got the top Merit Points this half-term. We have a big emphasis on behaviour at Blessed Trinity and to achieve all these points is outstanding."



## Recycling at Eco Club

Eco Club ran a competition to design posters to put on bins to make sure as many items as possible around school are recycled. Grace said: "I enjoy Eco Club as we are helping the environment while also spending time with our friends. "People are recycling plastics, paper and so on with the posters on our bins."



## Theme of 'New Beginnings'

In form time, there is a religious theme of the week and the recent one has been 'New Beginnings.' Pupils can write poems, stories or draw what signifies 'New Beginnings' to them. This is Noah in Year 11 with his picture.



## 100 per cent attendance

Above are some of our Year 7s who have all celebrated 100 per cent attendance this half-term. Assistant Headteacher Mrs Kelly said: "We are really proud of our pupils that are ensuring they are in school everyday and on time! "We have 575 pupils with 100 per cent attendance, which we are extremely proud of. "Any pupil with 100 per cent attendance is placed in their year group weekly draw for the chance to win a £5 Amazon voucher. "We will also have further prizes as we approach Christmas and celebrate our Blessed Trinity Achievement Awards. "Any pupil with 100 per cent attendance by Christmas will be placed in the draw to win a £100 voucher."

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS		
0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned
5 days absence over the whole year	97% - 100%	Good chance of success and progress
20 days absence over the whole year	90%	Less chance of success. Harder to make progress
20+ days absence over the whole year	Under 90%	Detrimental to access and progress

  

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS	
<b>LATENESS = LOST LEARNING</b> (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

BE AT THE CLASSROOM ON TIME AND READY TO LEARN!

# Year 10 football team in cup success



The Year 10 football team are through to the third round of the ESFA (English Schools' Football Association) Cup.

Blessed Trinity's Year 10s famously won the national competition in 2013 and the current group are looking to emulate that.

They overcame St Augustine's in Billington 1-0 in the first round, a game which had extra significance for PE teacher Mr Kelly.

"I was up against my brother who is a PE teacher at St Augustine's so it was nice to beat him and it was also my birthday so the lads said it was a present for me!"

The side, captained by Sam S, then faced Newman College in Oldham described as 'a team of giants.'

Mr Kelly said: "We beat them 3-1 with Archie H scoring a hat-trick, all with his weaker right foot, and the third was a superb overhead kick.

"Unfortunately Demetri broke his arm towards the end of that game and ended up at Oldham Hospital but is recovering now."

They will face Clitheroe Royal Grammar School in the third round.

In the Lancashire Cup, their first game is against Corpus Christie in Preston.



## Stanley for Y11 Connor

Year 11 Connor has been stepping up several age groups to play for Accrington Stanley Under 18s.

Connor has been with the League Two side for two years and is now hoping to make a big breakthrough.

"I play either centre midfield or right back.

"I had trials at a couple of clubs before signing for Accrington Stanley but I enjoy it there.

"I have stepped up to play for the Under 18s recently and it is tough, the players are a lot bigger and stronger, but I enjoyed it.

"I hope to be a footballer." Connor is a Burnley FC season ticket holder.



Both Elijah and Lukas took part in the Saxon Karate Competition recently. Both won two silver and a bronze medal in the Junior Black Belt section.



## Duo are hitting the top targets

DJ has been called up to the Lancashire Under 18 darts squad.

The Year 8 has been playing darts for two years and is with the Blackburn Youth Darts Academy.

He has been playing in the Elite League for them and his highest check-out is 170.

"It's the first time I have been selected for the county so I am happy."

He is known as David 'The Shooting Star.' He added: "I would like to make it as a professional but at the moment I am just having fun."

Fellow Year 8 Alfie is also with the Blackburn Youth Darts Academy.

He is known as Alfie 'The Ace Brace' and comes out to 'The Ace of Spades.' Alfie said: "I have a dart board at home and practise every day while also going to Blackburn once a week for eight hours. My favourite player is Nathan Aspinall."



## Bailey's F1 ambitions

Year 8 Bailey is hoping to follow in the footsteps of his idol Lewis Hamilton and make it big in Formula 1.

Bailey is currently racing go-karts, competing all over the UK in the Daniel Ricciardo Series for 12-16 year-olds.

"I got into it trying NASCAR in Florida and, when I came home, I went to the Three Sisters and got all my go-kart licenses.

"I love cars and, when I am 13, may step up to the Ford Fiesta Series.

"It is an expensive hobby so I am hoping to get some sponsorship."

# GCSE Results: So Proud of our Class of 2024



Our Class of 2024 pupils celebrated a top set of GCSE results in August.

Many had their destination as Burnley College after hitting the grades.

Amelia was our best performer after celebrating an amazing 11 Grade 9s.

Amelia hopes to follow a career in science.

“I was in total shock,” said Amelia. “I was shaking! It’s so much better than I expected. I thought I had messed up my maths but I got Maths and Further Maths.

“My mum was crying when I rung her. I was so relieved as so much effort has gone into it.

“I have gone onto Burnley College studying Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science.

“I love science and it’s a very useful subject. The teachers have been really supportive at Blessed Trinity.

“I would like to go to university and study Physics/Computer Science.”

Headteacher Mrs Williams said: “It’s absolutely amazing. We are so proud of Amelia. She has worked so hard and it’s well deserved.”



Ella celebrated five Grade 9s, two Grade 8s and two Grade 7s.

“I am studying A-Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Computer Science and Psychology.”

Class of 2024 Head Girl Samantha is at St Christopher’s Sixth Form and hit the high note with a Grade 9 in Music among other fantastic results.

“I did my best and that’s all you can do!”

Eve celebrated two Grade 8s and six Grade 7s and said: “I want to go into law in the future.”

Haider achieved 9 GCSEs. He said: “I am studying Biology, Chemistry and Maths to do something in the medical sector.

“I’ve enjoyed PE at Blessed Trinity as I enjoy boxing, I go to Roche’s Boxing Club.”

Rehan also achieved 9 GCSE’s, with a Grade 9 in English Literature, and said: “I am doing Maths, Biology and Chemistry A-Levels and am considering becoming a doctor.”

William achieved 9 GCSEs and is doing Business, PE and Chemistry at Burnley College. Gabriella and Loui are both at Manchester College studying Performing Arts after excellent GCSE results.

Austin is with Wigan Warriors Academy and dreams of becoming a professional rugby player.

“I am studying Geography, PE and Product Design but the dream is to be a rugby player.”

Head teacher Mrs Williams said: “I was delighted for so many of our young people who collected their results that rewarded their hard work and talents. “Thank you also to our staff who went, as ever, above and beyond to support the pupils in their care.

“I know that they, as well as I, will be watching the Class of 2024 as they take their next exciting steps into further education and training.

“We wish them every success and happiness in the future.”

# Year 7 Extra-Curricular Fair



Our Year 7s grabbed the chance to sign up to a number of our exciting clubs at our Extra-Curricular Fair.

There was something for everyone as the pupils could sign up for Eco Club, Book Club, Science Club, Chess Club, Art Club, Music Club, Philosophy Club, Textiles Club, IT Club, Modern Foreign Languages Club, Warhammer Club, Sports Clubs, Sport Ambassador Club and Equalities Club.

They could also join Burnley Youth Theatre and Premier League Kicks activities.

Year 11s Jayden and Jason run the Warhammer Club alongside Mr Horne. Jayden said: "It's a game where there are different armies and it's different each time you play."

Jason added: "I enjoy building, painting and assembling all the parts for Warhammer."

Year 11 Maisie, along with Year 7 Blossom, helped to promote the Performing Arts Club. Maisie said: "I have appeared in the school shows including Jesus Christ Superstar, Little Shop of Horrors and High School Musical. I enjoy them."

Year 8 Erikas was encouraging pupils to join the Music Club. "I play clarinet and cello. I love music and love to sing."

Year 9 Lily was helping with Science Club. She said: "I love Science Club. You do loads of different experiments, get to try new things and find out some answers."

Year 7 Ella was enjoying looking around the fair. "I have joined Art Club and Book Club so far."

Year 7 Blake will be action-packed! "I have signed up to MFL, Chess, Science, IT, Book Club, Warhammer and fitness. I want to be busy."

Year 10 Alix and Harvey help to run the Eco-Club. Alix said: "This gives us a chance to communicate with other year groups and help to protect the school environment. It's a very relaxed club so we hope it helps people talk and make new friends."



Day	Time	Activity	Room	Staff
Monday	Lunch	Y7 MFL Film Club	106	Ms Watson
	After school	Current Read SCEM Drama and Speech Club Inference Club Y7 in Book Club Y7 Boys Football Y7 in Rugby	101 Dance Studio 102 Sports Hall Active Field	Mr Horne Mrs Anderson Mrs Robinson Mr Parker Mr Houghton
Tuesday	Lunch	Y7 Cubs Club	101	Mr Houghton
	After school	Chess Textiles and Craft Club Soc Club Vocal Range Football Dance Club Y7 in Book Club Y7 Girls Football Y7 in Boys Fitness	101 101 101 Active Studio Sports Hall Active Open	Mr Houghton Mr Parker Mr Houghton Mr Kelly Mrs Williams Mrs Schofield Mrs Houghton/Mr Preston Mr Houghton
Wednesday	Lunch	Equalities Group both lunches Year 6 Band Y7 Book Club Y7 Minutes Leaders	101 101 101 101	Mr Houghton Mr Mackay Mrs Crook Mr Houghton
	After school	Y7 in Book Club Y7 Girls Fitness	Sports Hall Fitness Room	Mr Parker Mrs Houghton
Thursday	Lunch	Games Workshop	101	Mr Houghton
	After school	Art Club SCEM Photography/Art Y7 in Young Enterprise Soc Club Y7 Girls Football Y7 Boys Fitness	Art 101 101 TBC 101 Active Fitness Room	Mr Wilson Mrs Parker Mrs Houghton Miss Taylor Miss Houghton/Mr Jones/Houghton Mr Houghton



# Open Evening 2024



## Freya's hair cut for charity

Year 7 Freya had a staggering 14 inches cut off her hair to raise funds for charity, MHA, which aims to enable older people to live later life well.

Sarah's grandma has dementia and is being cared for at MHA Belvedere Manor in Colne.

Her hair is being sent to the Princess Trust to be made into wigs for children with cancer. It's the second time Freya has done this, having had 14 inches cut off her hair four years ago for the same cause.

She has exceeded her £200 target.

Her page is

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/freya-thomas-1727101775772>



## Young Enterprise



Our new Young Enterprise team are currently holding raffles and stalls as they look to fund their school year project.

They haven't yet decided what they are going to do for their Young Enterprise scheme.

They have a raffle, guess the name of the teddy and also selling homemade key rings to raise funds for this school year's project.



Our Year 11s attended the 'Find. Your. Future' Careers Fair at the Life Church. Marco hopes to go into Engineering, Zakarya wants to be a lawyer and Jonah is looking at an Apprenticeship as a joiner or plasterer.

"It was useful," said Marco. "There were colleges there and people to talk to about Apprenticeships."



Performing Artist Joel Foster visited school as part of PSHE Enrichment Day for Years 7-10. He focussed on mental health, bullying, relationships and on-line safety.

## Creepy Crawly Roadshow for Year 8



This term, the Science Department welcomed the Creepy Crawly Roadshow into school, run by John, who has been running educational sessions for over 25 years and has an Animal Welfare and Behaviour degree.

This session offered a hands-on, educational and fun workshop on Mini beasts, to support the current Year 8 topic of Living Together.

This session was a great way to educate our Year 8 students about the correct way to keep and handle exotic animals as well as learning some fantastic truths about the creatures John brought with him.

The Year 8 pupils involved were enthralled and couldn't wait to get a picture with the creatures.

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