



# Newsletter

February 2024

## A short half-term but plenty to celebrate!



### We have celebrated more rewards this term for our outstanding pupils!

One of our new rewards is **Form of the Week**. Form groups from Years 7-9 are competing against each other to be the best in their year groups. 7 Magdelene, 8 Peter and 9 Clitherow were the first forms to win the awards. Well done to those forms!

We also have **Star of the Week** where form tutors select a pupil who has stood out.

**YEAR 7 WINNERS:** Jack T (7A), Skye T (7B), Annabelle B (7C), Ruby C (7G), Finley H (7J), Excel U (7K), Sabira R (7P),

**YEAR 8 WINNERS:** Alice B (8A), Charlie H (8B), Elisha T (8C), Aayan M (8G), Nancy S (8J), Edward S (8M), Christopher C (8P), Elisha P (8R), Oscar F (8T)

**YEAR 9 WINNERS:** Sienna B (9A), Eva S (9B), Momina Q (9C), Logan C (9G), Lousie O-C (9K), Simra S (9M), Heidi B (9P), Lily D (9R), Usayd K (9T).

**The Most Noticed Pupil** is an award presented to the pupil who has accumulated the highest number of 'You've Been Noticed' achievement points this term. This was given to Noah S in 7K. When told he had won this award, Noah said: 'Wow!' Huge well done to Noah.

Pupils with the **highest number of achievement points in their respective year groups** were rewarded. These were:

Year 7: Hamzan K (7P)  
Year 8: Charles H (8B)  
Year 9: Momina Q (9C)  
Year 10: Dawud I (10A)  
Year 11: Jensen A-M (11A)

The pupils who have **accumulated the highest number of achievement points in different curriculum areas:**

English: Millie D (7G), Humanities: Grace MK (10M) & Kimberly Y (10J), ICT: Ismael A (10M), Maths: Bradley D (8M),

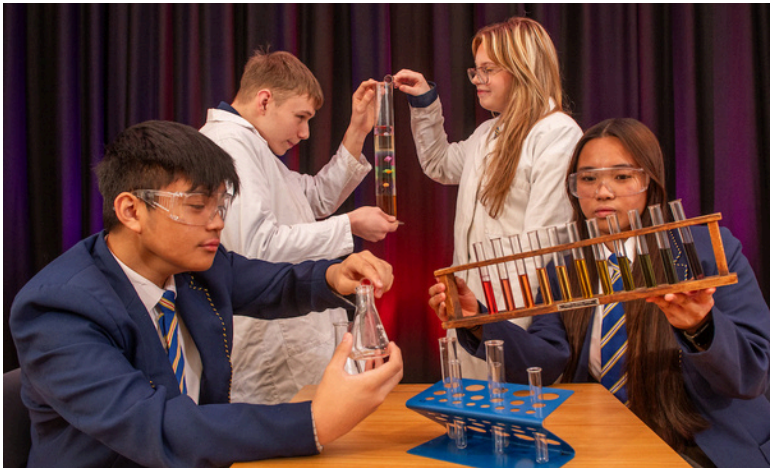
MFL: Jakub J (11J) and Tomasz J (11P), Lola W (10B) & Olly S (10J), Performing Arts: Maisie B (11P); Physical Education: Quintin A-F (10B); RE: Zairah U (7K); Science: Hamzan K (7P); Technology: Yomazs P (10B)

Our **Half-Term Homework Champions** are the pupils who has accumulated the highest number of homework achievement points out of Years 7-11. Congratulations to: Elisha P (8R), Jamelia VP (8M) and Charles H (8B)

Lastly our superb **Silver Award Winners** (the first pupils to qualify for their Silver Award out of the whole school) are: Malalay B (7J), Joshua B (7G), Riley B (7P), Success C (7J), Thomas D (7J), Coby E (7G), Amelia G (7P), Charles H (8B), Aaliyah H (7J), Autumn H (7G), Finley H (7J), Edie H (7J), Inayaa I (7A), Hamzah K (7P), Joni L (7T), Evie L (7J), Rossalinda M (9B), Luca M (9B), Zahia M (7P), Poppy R (7C), Christopher R (7P), Lacey-Mai S (7P), Noah S (7P), Baran T (8T), Oliver W (7R), Leyton W (7P).



# Science and Digital trips are rewarding



At Blessed Trinity, we know the importance of trips out of school to hear from experts in their fields as pupils plan for their future careers.

40 Year 10 pupils visited Bridgewater Hall in Manchester to watch Science Live!

They had the chance to hear from world-famous scientists who are experts in their field, including Professor Robert Winston and Professor Jim Al-Khalili.

They also received tips on examination success in GCSE Sciences and they were shown how science offers solutions to many of the world’s problems.

Pupils also had the chance to ask questions to the scientists and left with a booklet about working as a scientist.

Dawud said: “It was really interesting. It showed me aspects of science which I hadn’t really considered before. I want to go into science as a career so it was helpful.”

Rehan said: “I learnt a lot from the day and much more about careers in science.”

ICT and Computer Science pupils went on a trip to Burnley College on a Cyber and Digital Event.

They learnt about jobs in the digital industry.

Grace said: “It was a lot of fun, and we got some hands-on experience too which made it a good day.”

Beatris said: “We made lego robots which was entertaining. I enjoyed the event. Plan A is to go into acting but Plan B is to do something with computers.”

## Year 11 sessions are paying off

Three Year 11 students in school uniforms are looking at a large open booklet or folder. A girl is on the left, a boy is in the middle, and another boy is on the right. They are all smiling.

Our current Year 11 pupils say their teachers are doing everything they can to ensure they are equipped to achieve the grades they need to take their next step in life.

They completed their Mock GCSE exams before Christmas and, now they have their grades, they can work on the subjects they need to through extra revision sessions and intervention programmes.

Aimee said: “I received my Mock GCSE results and I was pleased to see I had done better than what I expected. “I got two grades higher in some subjects.

“I have been attending revision sessions and I have found them useful.

“I need Grade 7s and 8s to do Forensic Science at Burnley College so that’s what I am aiming for.”

Connor said: “I did better than expected in some subjects but I need to work harder on my Maths and History. I go to after-school and intervention sessions for Maths in focused morning sessions, multiple times a week.

“I want to do an Apprenticeship and get a trade so I am working towards that.”

Kai wants to be an electrician. “I go to extra sessions when I can. I didn’t get the grade I wanted in English and so that’s something I am working on.”

Head of Year Miss Wilkinson said: “I’m proud of the amount of effort Year 11 are putting into their revision for their exams, I hope this is rewarded by achieving the results they deserve in the summer exams. Thank you to all the amazing teachers who are giving up their time to hold afterschool revision sessions with the pupils.”

## Junior is aiming high in darts

Year 11 darts player Junior admits teenage champion Luke Littler is ‘amazing’ - and he hopes he can follow in his footsteps.

Junior had been playing darts for three years and is ranked in the top 40 in England at Under 17 level. He plays at Blackburn Youth Darts Academy.

“I am trying to get a tour card on the junior tour, it’s called the UK Q-School. I went to Coventry a few weeks ago and it’s the top 12 who get a card.

“I played in four events and played the World No 1 Under 17, who is Belgian, but lost 4-1 although it was a good experience. I just missed out on the tour card.

“I have another chance in a couple of week in Coventry on the Foundation Tour. It’s 20 events over five months and I have to finish in the top four. I will give it my best shot.”





# More photographs of our award winners



It was movie time for a number of our pupils as a reward for picking up no behaviour points this academic term. The Year 7-10 pupils were invited to watch a film in school!



## School Council makes a difference

Our School Council, made up of pupils from Years 7-11, are making a difference in school. The Council have received feedback from pupils, via their forms, of what they consider the good and the not so good in school. They have discussed Knowledge Organisers and what pupils find helpful about them and these have been fed back to the teachers. They have also talked about homework, the pros and cons of it, as well as rewards and what they would like as a reward. Dawud said: "It's a chance for our voices to be heard and, even if there are areas for improvement from pupils, we address it and try and make it positive. We have also spoken about learning survival skills in school, such as First Aid." Year 8 Kate said: "The School Council is an important voice to let teachers know how pupils feel. We meet and discuss a number of topics, such as homework and the Knowledge Organisers, and look at what changes can be made."



## Singers wanted for Chamber Choir

The Chamber Choir is on the lookout for more singers! This is a breakaway group from the main school choir who practise separately. Danni said: "It's a small group who sing more classical songs, under the direction of Mrs Pagluica. "We sing at events like retirement masses. "We meet every Tuesday and we each have a different singing style and then bring it together in harmony."



# Old Trafford test for Young Enterprise



Our Young Enterprise team have been to the Trafford Centre this week where they looked to impress the judges. Their company is called 'Hooked on Endangerment,' highlighting the plight of endangered species. The Young Enterprise is a national charity which helps young people develop work skills, knowledge and confidence through enterprise and financial programmes. The group have been crocheting animals which are endangered to sell, educating people about the issue, raising awareness of the environment and which animals are in danger of extinction. At the Trafford Centre they had to set up a stall, sell their products and be interviewed by judges about their business.



## Reader Leaders are now booked in!

Our Reader Leaders are excited to start their work! The Year 10 Reader Leaders have been on a four-hour course and now have their training certificates to start their Reader Leader roles next term. In their spare time, they will help the younger pupils improve their reading and phonics. Danni said: "We have been assigned the younger pupils who we are going to help and I can't wait now. "I volunteered because I love reading and I want to share my passion with others. "I also hope by volunteering around school and helping others it will improve my application to become Head Girl for Year 11."



It's a double success. Well done to our Year 11 boys football team who are through to the quarter-finals of the Lancashire U16s Cup after overcoming Bowland High School 1-0.

Our Under 14 girls team overcame Rossall High School 6-3 in the quarter-final of the Lancashire Cup and will now face St Michael's High School in Chorley in the semi-finals.



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