



# Newsletter

Summer Term 2025

## Our amazing prefects for school year 2025/6



Our Head Girl Danni and Head Boy Dawud are ready to start their important roles in September. Our Senior Prefect team, including the Platinum Prefects, had their official photographs taken in school.

Danni and Dawud will be helped by Deputy Head Girl Matilda and Deputy Head Boy George. The Platinum Prefects are: Grace, Beatris, Aisha, Chloe, Kimberly, Lucy, Olivia L, Olivia D, Jonah, Conor, Caesar, Henry Gabriel, Kai, Dominic and Jude. Well done to all and we can't wait for you all to be role models in the next school year.



### Platinum awards for our Year 7s

A number of our Year 7s were presented with their Platinum Awards. In their first year at Blessed Trinity, they have stood out due to receiving a high number of merits. This includes good time-keeping, smart uniform, performing well in class, taking responsibility and, as one said, generally being a 'good pupil.'

# Success for generous pupils



Generous pupils collected bags full of tins for the Burnley community. Year 9's Set for Success Programme is a Youth Sport Trust Programme which is delivered in school. This involves a group of Year 9 pupils working with Athlete Mentor Charlotte Hartley using the power of sport to develop life skills. As part of the programme the pupils have to plan and deliver a social action project. The Year 9 pupils chose to raise awareness of homelessness and foodbanks in Burnley and donate to Burnley in the Community's 'Together Burnley' programme. As part of this they held a Year 7 Form Competition where pupils bring in a tin or £1.

The winning form was 7k with Archie bringing in a staggering 270 tins! Archie said: "I travelled to three different stores to do the shopping. I like helping those less fortunate. I feel bad for them so I want to help." Nathan Norris from Burnley FC in the Community said: "The Blessed Trinity pupils have collected an amazing amount of tins which went straight into the parcels we distribute. "For one pupil to bring in 270 tins shows how generous people are. We are truly grateful." Blessed Trinity's Mr Holding said: "The Year 9 pupils have taken to the leadership course really well, they have helped the community and they will gain a qualification as well. They have been brilliant."

# Day out for engineers of the future



Our Year 9 Design and Technology pupils spent a varied day learning about engineering. They visited Velocity Composites and then a 3D printer manufacturer in the morning before then attending Burnley College, where they worked on lathes, drills and CAD (computer-aided design) machines. Oliver said: "It was a good day, I learnt more about engineering and it's something I am thinking about in the future."

# Pupils choose Lancs Book of the Year



Five pupils from Year 9 English attended the Lancashire Book of the Year Winner event at University of Central Lancashire. Pupils had to read a number of books over this academic year and then vote for their favourite book and author. English teacher Ms Harper said: "It was a great day with Q&A with the finalists and book signings and also meeting authors. The students have been fantastic." The pupils were: Alfie B, Isabelle W, Simra S, Madison R and Kiera M.

# Year 9s rise to the task in Dragons' Den



Year 9 pupils had to create a new baking product and market it at the annual Warburtons Dragons' Den. It's part of the 'Skills Builder' product and the task for Year 9 forms was to design a new product for Warburtons Bakery. They also had to consider costings, production and marketing – all employability skills. Mrs Hart said: "The forms did an amazing job, their presentations were superb and their behaviour was fantastic. "Gary from Warburton's commented that these were the best presentations he has ever judged and it was very difficult to pick the winners." They came up with products including Jamplets - crumpets with jam in the middle - Parathas and pizza with chocolate chips.



**WINNERS**  
**Employer Award: 9 Peter & 9 Assisi**  
**Innovation Award: 9 Romero**  
**Best Individual Presenters: 9 Clitherow - Momina, 9 Goretti- Dinio**  
**Best Overall Runners Up: 9 Calcutta**  
**Best Overall: 9 Goretti**

# Year 7-10 Awards Evening



Former Head Boy **Kasom Shah** was the special guest at our Year 7-10 Awards Evening at St Mary's RC Church.

Kasom, who left Blessed Trinity in 2017, talked to the parents and pupils about his life after Blessed Trinity, where he followed a football career as a scholar at Accrington Stanley Football Club, before going on to work in their Community Trust and their Academy. Kasom now works at Blackburn Rovers FC.

**Kasom talked about the setbacks he had faced, such as not making it as a professional footballer, and how his time at Blessed Trinity had taught him resilience and determination.**

He said: "I really enjoyed going back to Blessed Trinity as the guest speaker. It's clear that all the staff are working hard to provide the best opportunities for the pupils there.

"It was brilliant to see so many amazing young people being recognised for their efforts. I'm sure many of them will go on to do great things.

"I talked about my journey and linked it with the school values. I learnt a lot about resilience and having a strong work ethic at Blessed Trinity and I talked about the setbacks I have had so far and how you bounce back."

Kasom presented Certificates for Commendation for Most Progress, For Highest Attainment and Form Merits for Years 7-10.

Awards were also presented for Full Attendance and Punctuality from Years 7-10 while top performers in Year 10 received their individual Subject Awards.

In the specialist awards, the Contribution to College Life Award was presented to each year group.

In Year 7, the award went to **Archie** who, in an incredible act of kindness, used his birthday money to buy more than 200 tins of food for Burnley's food bank as well as playing a big part in promoting the Catholic ethos of the school.

In Year 8 the Contribution to College Life award was presented to **Mia** who amassed more than 1700 merits and has been part of extra-curricular Music since Year 7, taking part in the school's Christmas Concert, last year's production 'High School Musical' and this year she has a main part in 'Grease.'

In Year 9, the award was given to well-mannered and hard-working pupil, **Ayowande** who takes part in a number of extra-curricular activities in the Music Department, highlighting his dedication to learning and his contribution to the wider school community.

In Year 10, **George** collected the award. George is a regular volunteer and has read numerous times in Mass, services and assemblies. He has shown great leadership in leading efforts to fundraise and promote the Catholic ethos of the school.

The Work Skills award was presented to the resilient and hard-working **Noor**. Noor quietly gets on with his work with a large degree of independence.

The Specialist College Sports Award was presented to **Sam**, a talented sports performer in a range of sports including football and cross country. Sam has represented Lancashire at football.

The Specialist College Humanities Award was awarded to **Thomas**, who has shown excellence in both Geography and History and is on course to achieve high GCSE grades in both.

The Contribution to the Community Award was presented to **Dawud** who is a representative of his local youth council. Dawud uses his platform to support, guide and ensure young people are heard in the local community and within the school community, participating in local events and charity work.

**Grace** was awarded the Sarah Marie Foulds Memorial Trophy for Contribution to Faith Life. Grace is a dedicated and selfless advocate for the school.

She attends as many clubs and groups as she possibly can and always gives 100% to everything she does.

The Rodger Barlow Endeavour Award was presented to **Chloe** who has shown a quiet determination and always strives to do her best academically while looking after those around her.

The Sporting Commitment Award, in memory of former teacher Mick Ennis, was given to **Maxwell**.

This award recognises his commitment to school sport through leadership and coaching.

He is a qualified football referee and has successfully refereed school games.

# Cassius runs for charity



Year 9 Cassius put his best foot forward and ran the Race for Life 5k in Blackpool for Cancer Research. His mum works for Cadbury's and organised her colleagues to take part in the event and altogether they raised £1245. Cassius raised £415 on his own and ran the 5k in a fast time of around 21 minutes. "My grandma survived cancer so it's a cause close to us," said Cassius.

# Year 8 pupils learn about different faiths



Our Year 8s visited a mosque and a church as part of our school's Faith Life. They had a tour around the Ghausia Mosque and then St John's Roman Catholic Church in Burnley. The aim was to compare and contrast religious buildings and also help to build a mutual understanding between Christianity and Islam.

# Prestigious Caritas Awards for pupils



There were four outstanding winners of our Caritas Catholic Social Teaching Award trophies. One pupil from each year group was nominated by their form tutors with Year 7 Aronas, Year 8 Bradley, Year 9 Olivia and Year 10 Grace the proud recipients of these awards. Aronas said: "I am very proud" while Grace admitted: "I am shocked!" These awards are from the Diocese of Salford and are prestigious. They cover the main Catholic Social Teaching aims.

- These are:
- 1 Creating options for the poor through charity work and fundraising
  - 2 Creating solidarity and working together
  - 3 Upholding human dignity of others
  - 4 Creating a wonderful school environment for the common good
  - 5 Looking after their environment through stewardship
  - 6 Increasing productivity and dignity in their work and the work of others
  - 7 Helped subsidise decisions through their work in the school council and make decisions.

# Year 10s have their say in hospitals

A group of Year 10 pupils have been invited to take part in mini-PLACE assessments of the Children's Department at Burnley General Hospital.

The mini-PLACE assessments (Patient Led Assessments of the Care Environment) will involve pupils going into Burnley General Hospital and giving feedback on the non-clinical aspects of NHS healthcare settings. The assessments would cover various aspects such as



patient privacy and dignity, cleanliness, building maintenance and food. Danni, whose parents both work in a hospital environment, said: "We will be looking at it from our perspective and giving it a youth voice. "We will be going onto the

ward and seeing what's good and what we think needs to improve. I wanted to do it as it sounded like fun and it's also helpful." Matilda has never been to hospital and says: "It will be an eye-opener. We have had the training and now we have to assess the environment."

# Class of 2025 Prom @ Dunkenhalgh



# Grease @ Burnley Mechanics



# Off to work for Year 10s

Our Year 10 pupils have been exploring life in the wider world with a week's work experience.

A selection of pupils talked about their time away from school.

**Amelia** said: "I went to Barnardo's charity shop. I have done voluntary work there so it was good to spend a week there. I sorted through clothes, books and other items. I enjoyed it. "My aim in the future is to go into law."

**Alix** spent time at Gawthorpe Hall.

"I talked to the public and also did some written work. I like history so this was interesting, learning about the Victorians and the different types of furniture. I am thinking about social work in the future."

**Daria** said: "I went to Crow Wood and worked in the kitchen on the dessert section. I want to go into catering so it was interesting. I learnt about the importance of team work and communication skills."

Maisie spent her time at Towneley Park café.



She said: "It was nice. I served, washed pots and helped with decoration. I actually would like to be a secondary school history teacher."

**Tomasz** said: "I attended my former school, Christ the King Primary School, and helped out in the classroom. I did enjoy it. My favourite bit was PE."

# Class of 2025s future plans

Our Class of 2025 have big ambitions for their futures as they await their GCSE results on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Louka** said: "I want to be a marine biologist and work in Indonesia."

Louka, who has been involved in the school productions, is going to Burnley College to study A-Levels in Maths, Biology, Chemistry and French.

"I have enjoyed my time at Blessed Trinity, especially Maths. Mrs Geoghegan is a great teacher.

"I have wanted to be a marine biologist since I was six. I have been to Indonesia and I have a scuba diving qualification.

"In Indonesia there is a lot of speaking French, which is why I have chosen French."

**Kenzie** is aiming for a career in Computer Science.

"I want to go to Burnley College to study Computer Science, Statistics and Maths A-Levels. I am interested in coding.

"The teachers at Blessed Trinity have been supportive both in school and after school."

Kenzie has taken part in the school productions, including Jesus Christ Superstar and High School Musical.

**Kayleen** is hoping to go into the medical sector, maybe as a pediatrician.

"I am going to Burnley College to study Biology, Chemistry and Psychology A-Level.

"I want to do something medical and probably a pediatrician as I enjoy working with children. I have enjoyed my time at Blessed Trinity- the teachers support you both academically and emotionally."

**Erin**, who was Sandy in our recent production of 'Grease', is still considering her career.



"I want to go to Burnley College to study Chemistry, Maths, Geography and Musical Performance.

"I have been involved in all of the productions at Blessed Trinity. They are such a high standard and so professional.

"I want to do something with maths and chemistry. Mrs Geoghegan has been a big inspiration to me."

Head Girl **Maisie** has her sights set on Clitheroe Grammar.

"I want to study Further Maths, Maths, Computer Science and Classics.

"I want to do a Computer Science Degree and just see where it takes me.

"Blessed Trinity has given me a lot of opportunities. I have been Head Girl, I have been on the School Council from the beginning and it has let me try new things.

**Meerab** wants to be a neurologist.

"I am going to Burnley College to do A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

"I want to be a surgeon and a number of my relatives are neurosurgeons

"I have enjoyed everything about Blessed Trinity - the environment, the teachers and I have made a lot of friends."

**Zohaib** is thinking along the same lines as Meerab. "My dream job is a neurosurgeon.

"I am studying Biology, Maths and Psychology at Burnley College.

"I have loved all the opportunities I have had at Blessed Trinity."

**Bailey** secured a coveted apprenticeship as an aerospace engineer at Safran.

"I think around 400 went for it and 10 got selected so I was buzzing!

"At school, I want to thank Careers teacher Mrs Hart for helping me to get the apprenticeship and also Mrs Geoghegan and Mrs Robinson for helping me with my GCSEs."

**Zohar** wants to work with money!

"I want to go into finance. It was actually being on the Young Enterprise scheme at school and being in charge of the finance which made me want to do this.

"I am going to Burnley College to do A-Levels in Maths, Geography, Computer Science and Chemistry."

**Molly** will take English Language, History, Ancient History and Criminology A-Levels at Burnley College.

"I am not sure what I want to do but I like History. I worked hard for my GCSEs."

**Sofia** selected her favourite subjects for A-Levels. "I will study Maths, Physics and English at Burnley College."

# An excelente trip to Spain



The Year 9 trip to Barcelona was excelente! A group visited the Spanish capital, looking at the architecture of Antoni Gaudi and visiting Le Sagrada Familia. There was also a day at the beach - where the Burnley FC scarf was proudly displayed - as well as a trip to a waterpark and the Hard Rock Cafe. MFL teacher Mrs Corbishley said: "The pupils used their Spanish and also soaked up the Spanish culture."



# A film all about Burnley!



Five Blessed Trinity pupils have become Unity Ambassadors and they will make a film, in conjunction with Burnley Youth Theatre, about community cohesion and diversity. Burnley Youth Theatre is creating a film to send out to all the secondary schools in Burnley where pupils use their youth voice to talk about and challenge issues in relation to racism, hate crime and diversity and promote community, faith, different cultures and values in their school. They will work, along with Unity Ambassadors from other schools, with a professional filmmaker. Erikas said: "It's been good fun, I like meeting new people and I have made new friends through doing this." Imogen said: "We have been highlighting all that's good about Burnley, especially the Clarets, and highlighting what has been bad, such as the riots. This emphasises how our future is shaped by our surroundings and how we can affect our future."

# Award winners reflect on an inspirational school year

Our Young Enterprise team have said they have learnt a lot in their award-winning school year. The Young Enterprise team's company is called 'Hooked on Endangerment' and they crochet animals who are threatened with extinction to raise awareness. They have won a host of awards including the Best Trade Stand award at the Trafford Centre event and at the Lancashire, Cumbria and Merseyside Final they won two awards - Customer Service and Teamwork. Matilda said: "I have learnt a lot about communication skills within the Young Enterprise team." Dawud said: "Mostly I have learnt about the importance of time management. It's been good, something a bit different to the normal curriculum and it's been nice to win awards."

