

Principal's Blog: Happy New Year!



Mark Allen | Principal

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a lovely festive break. Despite the current situation we have such an exciting year ahead leading to the grand opening of Trinity Academy Barnsley and welcoming our first ever cohort of pupils. I do hope that everyone is safe and well in these difficult times.



Welcome

I am delighted to say that I am now officially in post as Principal Designate and over the past few weeks have been working to finalise our ethos and vision, our school day, our uniform and lots of other exciting jobs. Over the next few weeks we have some exciting developments and we will be moving to the next stage of our plan. I will share all the news as and when it comes through my blog.



Chair of Governors | Nigel Leeder

Governor Appointed

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed our Chair of Governors, Nigel Leeder. Nigel has worked in Barnsley for the last ten years and brings a wealth of experience from a safeguarding background and has worked as a Governor in other settings. Here's a brief introduction from Nigel:

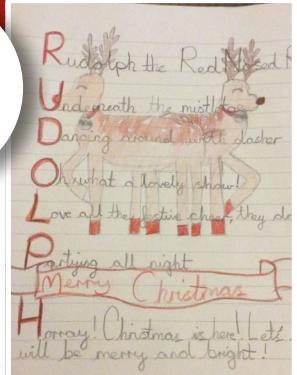
"It is my pleasure, through the Principal's Blog, to be asked to say a few words of personal introduction. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Nigel Leeder and I have been asked by the Principal to support him as Chair of Governors in our new school, Trinity Academy Barnsley. This is indeed an honour.

I have over 20 years' experience in various roles, all in and around child safeguarding. The majority of that time has been spent working in the Yorkshire and Humber Region, with the last eleven of those in Barnsley and for the last four years, I have also been Chair of Governors in one of the boroughs larger primary schools..." Read more on our website!

We got this!

Part of Trinity Academy Barnsley's culture will be based around belonging to a community and looking out for each other. Over this lockdown period please look out for your family members and adhere to the Government guidance so we can start to defeat this virus and return to normality, when it is safe to do so.

One of Freya's entries!



Christmas activity

We'd just like to say a HUGE congratulations to Freya for completing all five TAB Christmas activities and winning the prize. We loved seeing all of your entries! Your £15 Amazon voucher is on its way to you. Check out some of the entries we received to the right!

Exciting times

These are exciting times and even more exciting is the fact that soon we, and you as parents/carers, will know who has a place at our academy. To prepare for this we held a virtual recruitment event on January 12th which was attended by over 90 teachers wanting to work at our academy. We will be recruiting to roles over the next few weeks.

Contact us!

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I hope these blogs are keeping you well informed but please do get in touch if you have any questions. Keep checking the website as we will be updating it as new information comes. For now, keep safe, and I look forward to sharing more exciting news soon.

NEW! Team member

I am delighted to inform you that we have already appointed our Curriculum Leader for mathematics, Steph Kirk. As the third member of #TeamTrinity, Steph is an excellent addition to the team and brings a wealth of specialist experience and knowledge to the role. Here's what Steph has to say about her appointment:

"I am extremely excited to be starting my role as Curriculum Leader of mathematics at Trinity Academy Barnsley. I started my career in Barnsley and therefore I'm really looking forward to being back teaching in the area.

I've worked for Trinity MAT for five years, teaching at Trinity Academy Cathedral in Wakefield as well as working for both White Rose Maths and West Yorkshire Maths Hub. Throughout these five years, I have delivered training to many teachers across the world, led a fantastic group of Mastery Specialists..." Read more on our website!



Curriculum Leader for mathematics | Steph Kirk