



Mark Allen | Principal

Welcome to my eighth blog. I am delighted to say that we have now visited every primary school and also done several home visits to say hello and answer any questions our founding cohort have asked. We can't wait for your first day on Friday 3rd September. Thank you to all the families who came to our two Information Evenings just before half term – it was lovely to meet everyone, give out transition booklets and share some more exciting information.

I hope everyone has been able to read my recent letter regarding Eastgate being our temporary home for the first two years. Thank you to those families who have been in touch via email or the over the telephone to ask questions. I have added a Frequently Asked Questions sheet to our website in case other families wish to read it or ask a similar question. You can find a link to this on our homepage or under 'Key Info'. I will inform parents and carers, the moment I find out, about the transport of pupils from Keresforth to Eastgate and back.

I am really pleased we now have the direction of travel for the first two years and am excited about what we can deliver at Eastgate with the significant funding the DfE are putting into the refurbishment of it. We can most certainly deliver our broad curriculum offer and working in conjunction with Barnsley College we can deliver some amazing experiences outside the classroom too. I hope you enjoy reading the blog. Please get in touch should you need to, or if you wish to ask anything.

First Day

Our first day of school will be on Friday 3rd September and we would like our founding cohort to arrive from 8.00 am at the Eastgate site. Staff will be on hand to direct them where to go and there will be clear signage for the entrance in place. Please make sure they have full school uniform, including their founding member badges, a bag and basic equipment such as pens, pencil, and ruler. P.E kits will not be needed on the first day.

We will have a fully functioning kitchen ready to serve meals, children will receive a plastic card that they can swipe to pay for food, and it will also act as an identity badge. We will be using ParentPay to allow you to add money to their account prior to opening. No money will be exchanged on site. Details of how to set up a ParentPay account will be sent before the summer. We will provide the children with a water bottle and jotter on the first day, as well as their House badge and their timetable. The school day will end at 2:45pm... Bring on September!

New Member of Staff

I am delighted to introduce Eleanor Francis, our latest staff member, who will be my PA and Admin Manager. Eleanor has a wealth of experience and wide knowledge base not only of administration and leadership but marketing too. I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming her and I have no doubt you will be communicating with her soon. If you have any concerns at all, please get in touch via the contact us email and Eleanor will respond. Cally Northam, who I know many of you have spoken to, will now take on her substantive role at PA to the Principal at our sister school in Leeds. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and effort in helping parents, staff, and myself during the past six months.

PA and Admin Manager
Eleanor Francis

My name is Eleanor Francis and I'm absolutely thrilled to be part of the Trinity Academy St Edward's team! My previous experience includes Marketing, leadership, and PA support.

... read more on our website!

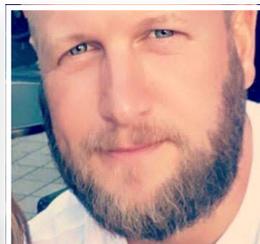
Governors

I am delighted to announce the appointment of two further Governors who have very close links to Barnsley and our new school. They both bring expertise, experience and a desire to ensure that Trinity Academy St Edward's provides an outstanding provision for your children.

Check out our website to read their bios!



Chris Robinson



Jon Gibbins

Transition

Unfortunately, we cannot offer any transition days due to the building situation and COVID. It is impossible to hold a day for different primary school children and their bubbles all in one venue and with 24 feeder schools, it is just something we will have to miss. Please don't worry, we have a detailed, thorough and fun 'bootcamp' planned for the first two days in September. There will be chance for our children to mix, meet new friends, play in games and competitions and find their way around the building.

As part of the transition arrangements, you should have received a transition booklet, which is also available via the Transition page on our website. If you would like us to post one out to you, please get in touch. Our uniform page has also been updated and you should very soon be able to order our uniform from the Uniform Centre in Barnsley, or online.

Competition Time!

STEM
AMBASSADOR

MANIFESTO

3 questions for Tim Peake.
 1. Is it comfortable to sleep in space?
 2. As a child did you want to be an astronaut? If not what did you want to be?
 3. Even though you had lots of training, were there any moments that you were really scared?

As Miss Kirk announced at the Information Evenings, we have a brand new competition running where eight of our pupils will have the chance to meet British astronaut Tim Peake in Sheffield. To be in with a chance to become a STEM ambassador and win one of the eight places, write a manifesto saying why you should be a STEM ambassador and what ideas you have to bring STEM to the rest of the children. Also, write three questions you would ask Tim Peake on behalf of our school and give a reason for each!