

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



**WORD OF THE WEEK – PARABLE**  
**WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – STORIES JESUS TOLD**  
**CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – RESPECT**  
**BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – LUKE 10V25-37 (NT)**

How fast time flies. Another week goes by so quickly. I want to wish all of our Muslim families Eid Mubarak as they come together to celebrate the end of Ramadan. I hope your celebrations were amazing. Next week our word of the week is 'parable', and it immediately makes me think of the Wise and Foolish Builders and our parable. I see so many children everyday building strong foundations for their futures with hard work, success and doing it all with manners, courtesy, and respect. There is so much we can be proud of at St Edward's and part of the job I love the most is enabling children to grow into successful adults. School's purpose is to educate, not only through knowledge, but through character development and broadening horizons. Our children receive this day in day out. Time flies and I don't want it to but I'm already excited about what the future holds for our children and how they will lead successful lives.

## Trinity Academy St Edward's Parable



**MATTHEW 7:24-29**

*Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."*



## Teacher Strike Days

As you will be aware the NEU have called two more strike days on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. These two days will affect the school day similar to the last round of strikes and we will be open to only one year group each day.

On Thursday 27th April school will be open to Year 8 students only and Year 7 students will work from home via TEAMS.

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Learning resources have been uploaded onto TEAMS to help support students with the upcoming assessments.

**INVOLVE will be cancelled on the Tuesday 2nd May due to the strike. Y7 students will finish at 2:45pm this day.**

## TRAIN TO TEACH

We offer full time and part time PGCE/QTS teacher training courses in both primary and secondary education. We are based in Calderdale but offer placement schools across West Yorkshire. Go to: [tie.trinitymat.org](http://tie.trinitymat.org) or get in touch at: [contactus@tie.trinitymat.org](mailto:contactus@tie.trinitymat.org)

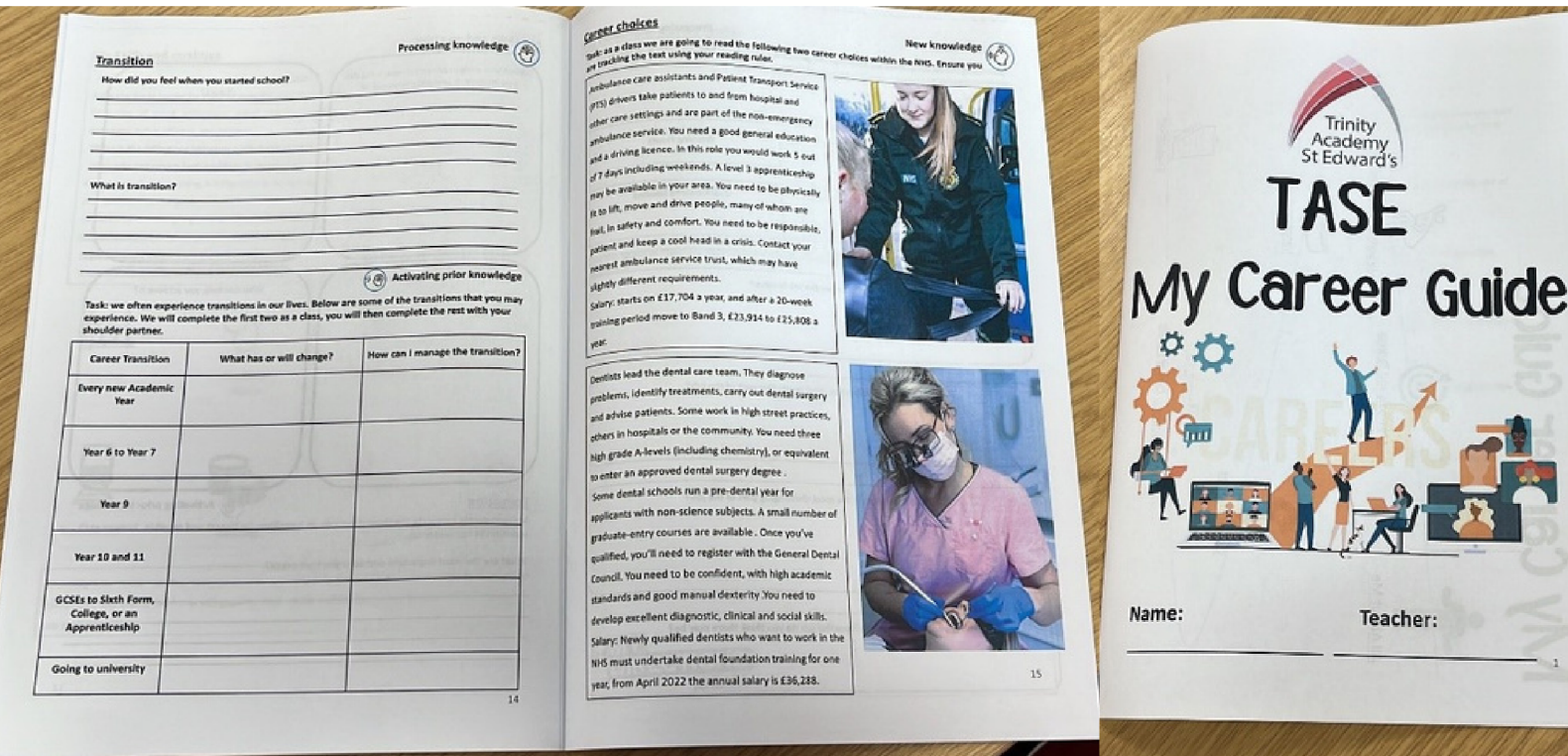


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## Careers

As I mentioned last week, we have been giving all students more access to careers work and guidance and this week we launched their Careers Guide. In form time students will work through this booklet with their form tutor and start to set achievable targets and set aspirational goals about their futures. We are encouraging them to think big – a child from St Edward's can go anywhere and do anything.



## Parent survey

Last week you will have received an email regarding the Trust Parent Survey. The survey provides parents with the opportunity to express opinions on parent and carer engagement at Trinity Academy St Edward's and on your overall confidence in the school's strategy.

We want as many parents as possible to respond and so far we have 70 responses. Please spend five minutes to complete the survey. Your views matter and help us shape our work.

Please type in the below link into your browser to complete the survey.

<https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/S6xnKu>

The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper - Proverbs 19:8



## New Build

I know a few parents have been asking for news on the new build and the site at Keresforth Close. I paid a visit this week and it is great to see the work being done. A lot of waste soil has been moved, areas have been levelled ready for foundations and there has been a lot of clearing of areas to make space for the Sports Hall in particular. Next week sees the boring drill arriving on site to start the foundation work. While all of this is going on the material for the building are being put together in a warehouse in Warrington. This is a modular build, so a lot of the building fabric gets transported to site and locks into place. Bowmer and Kirkland are looking into creating a time span video for everyone and fly by drone footage as the site develops. I will share these with everyone when I get them. People have asked about timelines. There is a full timeline that has been created by Bowmer and Kirkland that they will follow until completion, including weekly and monthly updates with the Trust and myself.

As I have communicated since we got planning permission the building will be completed in the next academic year with a completion date now expected during the summer of 2024.

Between then and now the build will move on at pace and Eastgate will undergo some extension work and addition spaces created for September and our third cohort arriving. These plans we have drawn up with the Department for Education and Barnsley LA and include the addition of a fully functioning design technology suite. Whether we move into the new build after Easter or after the summer holiday of 2024, the education and standard of schooling will be maintained at Eastgate, and all children will continue to flourish.





## Sporting Success

We have some very talented students at St Edward's in a whole host of areas. One of these is sport. Our latest fantastic achievement is by Finn Wilson in Y8. Finn has been selected to play for the England Under 13 Ice Hockey team. After competing in trials of over 60 other boys, Finn was selected for the squad and will travel to Slovakia in June for the upcoming tournament. What an achievement Finn, we are so proud of you.



### Dates for your diary

25th April  
ESPORTS INVOLVE club at Barnsley College

26th April  
Faraday Challenge @ Leeds University

27th April  
Strike day – school only open to Year 8 students