

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



**WORD OF THE WEEK – COURAGE**  
**WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – THE POWER OF WORDS**  
**CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – RESPECT**  
**BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – EPHESIANS 4V29**

One of the things we love the most about our amazing academy is its STEM approach. Our children really enjoy learning about all aspects of STEM and have benefitted already from drop-down days, visits and STEM ambassadors coming into school. I am sure there will be many of them who pursue a career in STEM and rightly so with the strong links we have in South Yorkshire.

This week has been a STEM crazy week. One Wednesday we took 12 students to Leeds to take part in a competition and yesterday all of Year 8 took part in a live streamed session with the Royal College of Pathologists. I am so proud of all we do in school and the commitment that all the staff show to your children. I'm already looking forward to next week!

## **The Faraday Challenge**

We took 12 students to Leeds University on Wednesday to compete against other schools in the region in the Faraday Challenge. The children really enjoyed the day and one of our teams ended up as the champions of the event. The trophy is sitting pride of place in reception. Well done everyone!





### The Royal College of Pathology

On Thursday our Y8 students had a live streamed session with Dr Lizzie Burns. She led a practical session for our students using a package that has never been used before. Students at St Edward's were the first in the country to take part in this session. As well as gaining knowledge and working on their origami skills, students were also given time to ask Dr Burns about pathology and how to become a Pathologist.



## 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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## Kooth

We are working closely with a new external partner that has set up in Barnsley to support children aged 11-25 so they can get free, safe and anonymous support for their mental wellbeing. We will be hosting Kooth staff over the next few weeks and developing a strong working partnership.

Please see details below of how children can access support if they need it.



The graphic features the Kooth logo at the top, followed by the text 'Free, safe and anonymous mental wellbeing support whenever you need it. For young people in Barnsley aged 11-25.' Below this is an illustration of hands holding a smartphone displaying the Kooth app interface. To the left of the phone are four icons with corresponding text: a speech bubble for 'Chat with our team of friendly practitioners', a book for 'Helpful articles', a pencil for 'Self help tools and activities', and a group of people for 'Support from the Kooth community'. At the bottom, it says 'Whatever is going on in your life, the anonymous community and our team of professionals are here to help and support you 24/7. Visit [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) today to learn more.' The NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board logo is in the bottom right corner.



The graphic features the NHS BACP logo at the top left, with the tagline 'counselling changes lives'. The main text reads 'Free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing support in Barnsley.' Below this is the text 'With no threshold for access, your local NHS is providing free digital counselling, group support and self-help tools for young people (aged 11-25) in Barnsley.' In the center is an illustration of hands holding a smartphone. To the right of the phone are four icons with labels: a document for 'Articles', a group of people for 'Discussion Boards', a person with a speech bubble for 'Chat with the team', and a notepad for 'Daily Journal'. At the bottom right, it says 'Sign up today at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)'.

## Equipment

I have sent all parents a letter this week about sports day, our survey and about standards for equipment. Thank you already to those of you have been in touch to sort out payment for badges. From Wednesday we will be doing a daily check with form tutors that children have all the right equipment. Each day we will be checking for their jotter, their pen, pencil and ruler, their lanyard and card and that they have their achievement or House badges.

The minimum requirement for badges is their #TeamTrinity one and their House one. Please see the letter for more details and thank you in advance for your support.

### Dates for your diary/upcoming events

#### Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

#### Tuesday 2nd May

Second strike day – school open to Year 7 only  
(INVOLVE will not happen, children will finish at 2:45pm)

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

## Togetherness

We had a brilliant example of how much our children support each other and how they respect one another and get on as a community. On Wednesday Mr Fisher and Miss Gordon organised a Year 7 v Year 8 football match at Honeywell. The competition was fierce, and Year 8 ended up narrow 3-1 winners. Niall Sharman in Year 7 was voted MoM for his debut performance. Everyone had a great time and showed great team spirit. Huge thank you to Mr Fisher, who is not a teacher in school, he is our Site Manager and loves to get involved in activities supporting the children.

Another example of #TeamTrinity culture



## Literacy

A huge part of our teaching methodology is to ensure each and every lesson improves children's ability to read, write and speak. Every teacher in school is a teacher of literacy and we pride ourselves about our reading culture in school. Every lesson children read a key text, they are asked to 'speak like an expert' too. We know this method will ensure children can make progress in their studies. We have just completed our second reading test, following up from the one in September. On average our Year 7 students, by attending every day, and being immersed in a teaching style that focuses on literacy have improved their reading ages by 14 months, incredible!

Alongside this, a group of children in Year 7 have had some intensive phonics intervention and due to this intervention, they are on average eight months higher with their reading age.

Look out for further breakfast club invites coming soon.

Year 8 reading data will be with us soon!

## New staff

On Tuesday we welcome two new members of the pastoral team. Miss Baldock and Mr Palmer join us as Student Liaison Officers and will be working with Mrs Fisher, Miss Burton and Miss Gordon to support any needs your children have.

I'm sure you'll give them a warm welcome.