



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

26TH JANUARY 2024

Word of the week – Genocide

**Worship Theme of the week – Holocaust Memorial
Day (27 Jan)**

Core value of the week – Display empathy

Biblical reference of the week – 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Despite the windy, winter weather our spirits have not been dampened this week and the children have been working hard and produced some superb work. Our focus on assemblies this week has been two-fold, one of these to focus on resilience and never giving in, and the other how important it is to seek help when needed. Mrs Fisher followed this theme to remind everyone about our 'Call it Out' strategy and to use our system to report any bullying or unpleasant behaviour, and to Call Out any inappropriate sexualised behaviour or comments. Our school is a happy and safe place, and it is strategies like these that enable our students to have the confidence and responsibility to support one another.

Finally, Vanessa, our Chaplain, delivered a very powerful message about Holocaust Day and how communities must stand up for their rights, call out, and fight against discrimination and prejudice. One thing we are proud of is how inclusive and welcoming our school is for all our children and families. We are proud to be one big community and being part of #TeamTrinity brings a sense of belonging and togetherness.

Have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the week ahead.

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As every student goes through school, we aim to develop their leadership skills and give them the confidence to speak publicly, to work as a team and to be passionate about being part of the best school in the area. We are delighted to offer two more exciting opportunities for our students that are detailed below. As well as the enjoyment they get from these, they will develop the aforementioned skills and have another qualification that makes them stand out from the crowd. We would like all parents to encourage your child to take up these and other offers as they arise.

ARCHBISHOP'S YOUNG LEADERS AWARD

We are pleased to offer our Year 7 and 8 students the opportunity to complete the nationally recognised Archbishop's Young Leaders Award. The course involves students working on their own leadership and growth mindset alongside working closely to develop community cohesion. Students will complete most of the course during INVOLVE on a Tuesday from 2.45pm until 3.45pm. The remaining hours include volunteering within our school or local community which will be carried out during school hours. There are 20 student places available. All students interested in completing the course should inform Mrs Pearson by Friday 2nd February. We have several Y9 students who have already completed the course and earned this award, any interested students can approach them and ask about the course.

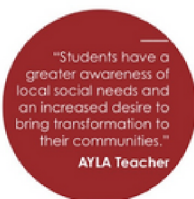


The Archbishops' Young Leaders Award

VISION

The Archbishop's Young Leaders Award is a fully resourced leadership and character education programme designed to both enhance and form part of the school curriculum. It offers an exciting opportunity for your young people to:

- Engage in new learning experiences
- Grow in leadership, character and key life skills
- Discover the benefits of helping others



ACTION

As part of the Award students are empowered to 'be the change you want to see', taking action and serving others in their community through different challenges. Students take part:

- Individually in the community
- Through team projects in the school community
- Through outreach into the wider community on a local, national or global scale

LEARNING

All teaching materials and resources are provided to allow students to:

- Explore and identify their leadership skills, character virtues and the importance of serving others
- Investigate the stories and impact of great leaders in society
- Examine the role they can play to bring unity to their communities, supporting and looking after the most vulnerable
- Develop the skills required to lead others and work effectively in a team



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DIANA ANTI-BULLYING AWARD

Our second student leadership opportunity is the Diana Anti-bullying Award, another nationally recognised award. We are looking for six students to complete their anti-bullying training before qualifying as our TASE anti-bullying ambassadors. Students interested in the opportunity should write a letter of application to Mrs Pearson by Friday 2nd February. Students successful in their application will attend a regional training day later in the academic year before implementing anti-bullying strategies at TASE to further emphasise our no tolerance of bullying.



SHEFFIELD STEELERS ICE HOCKEY GAME

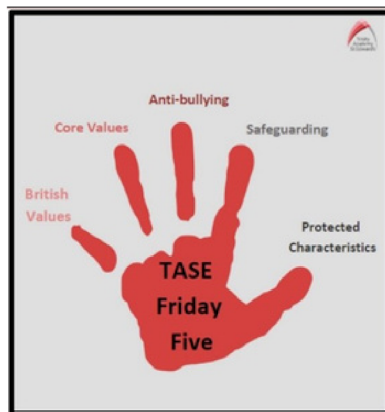
We wrote to you last week to let you know that we have joined up with the Sheffield Steelers again for another free child and reduced ticket game. Last year it was a superb event and there were over 100 of us that watched the game together. It is a brilliant family experience and chance for you to watch high level sport, enjoy refreshments and quality family time together. If you would like to attend the event please follow the payment instructions on the letter.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



FRIDAY FIVE

Following on from the reminder about our 'Call It Out' strategy and to continue to educate all our children on being a good person, we are delivering something called Friday Fives. Every fortnight on a Friday, form tutors will deliver new knowledge on five key strands: safeguarding, anti-bullying, British Values, our core values and protected characteristics. From this senior leaders and staff will then quiz students during the day and see if they can recall key information. The next time they do a Friday Five, it will start with five questions about the previous topic, and then more new knowledge on the next topic. We know this will help students appreciate how to interact with others, will help them understand about the importance of protected characteristics and keep vital issues like anti-bullying, safeguarding and British Values in their mind.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Last Saturday our first ever Bronze Duke of Edinburgh group took part in their first expedition practice. They have been working very hard every week in their INVOLVE club with staff to prepare themselves for this part of the award. Miss Gordon and other colleagues present were delighted with their efforts in challenging weather conditions. We look forward to seeing you do the real one and awarding you your DofE Bronze award in due course.



PE FIXTURES

This past week has all been about boys' basketball and the start of the Junior NBA season. The Year 8 team won their first fixture 8-6. MOM went to Justin and Joel. Our Year 9's were unfortunately defeated. Our Year 8 team then played Penistone on Wednesday and fought hard in a brilliant game, going down 42-31. Imagine what they will achieve when we have our own Sports Hall to practise and play in. Zakk and Rayan were the 'lay-up kings' in this match.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

One of the actions from our Parent Leadership Group was to investigate sourcing another school uniform provider following reports that the quality of products from our current provider was unsatisfactory. We have met with Vortex, and they are currently in the process of sourcing the necessary stock so that they can supply our school uniform going forward. Once the items are in stock we will email parents/carers details on how to place orders.

Can I ask parents/carers to remind students that we only permit one set of studded earrings and we do not allow rings to be worn in school.

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Another gentle reminder to ensure that your child has enough money on their account to cover their lunch and for those families who currently owe money on their account to please settle this debt via MCAS.

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BARNSELEY COLLEGE - COOKERY COURSE

Barnsley College have arranged some one day cookery courses that will take place over half term for any budding chefs. Any students interested in attending should register using the QR code in the image below.

Calling all Junior Chefs!



Are you a gifted and talented chef in the making? This one-day cookery course is for anyone aged 10–16 years old. You will cook a mixture of savoury and sweet dishes, using seasonal produce to take home. Scan the QR code or visit the link to book:

🔗 www.barnsley.ac.uk/catering



Junior Chefs Academy - Starters

Tuesday 13 February
9.00am - 1.00pm

Junior Chefs Academy - Main course

Wednesday 14 February
9.00am - 1.00pm

Junior Chefs Academy - Desserts

Thursday 15 February
9.00am - 1.00pm

Scan the QR
code to book:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 30th January

Aviation Experience Day

Wednesday 31st January

Employment Event for SEND students

Thursday 1st February

Magna visit – Y8/Y9 Trinity Scholars

ESports session at Barnsley College for Y7 (after school)

Friday 2nd February

LMI assembly for Y9 students

SISK Construction visit (Y7-9 boys)

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