



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

1ST MARCH 2024

**WORD OF THE WEEK – EQUALITY**  
**WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY (8/03)**  
**CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY**  
**BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – PROVERBS 31:25-26**

Another fantastic week has passed us by. I was delighted to read a selection of superbly written applications for our Senior Student Leadership team this week from current Year 7 students. They will be interviewed next week and some of them will be given the responsibility of being part of the team. One common theme from any visitor who gets a tour by the team or meets them is how well-spoken they are and how proud of the school they are. To be fair, all the children are the same. We have had another round of interviews this week and I am delighted to announce we have appointed three exceptional new members of staff: one who will teach computing, one to teach maths and have a responsibility within the department and finally a subject co-ordinator of history. They will add to and strengthen our already outstanding team. We're looking forward to an action-packed week that includes National Careers week, an author visit for Y7, World Book Day on Thursday and motivational speaker for our Y9 cohort on Friday. We will be holding our Y9 Options Evening on Wednesday 6th March to start the process of students deciding what they will study at Key Stage 4.

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# CAREERS WEEK

National Careers Week (NCW) is a one-week celebration of careers guidance across the UK. NCW is a dedicated week every year allowing us to provide students with new knowledge, ideas, and career aspirations.

In school next week, we have a variety of activities and sessions taking place. These include activities in every form time to get students thinking about their future career choices and ambitions. There will be posters and resources in classrooms for discussion, careers conversations with staff and for Y9, a careers focused assembly from a guest speaker. Our guest speaker is a former commercial airline pilot who now lives and works in Barnsley. Roy Kelly will be speaking about his unconventional path to becoming a pilot and how his ambition and drive ultimately got him to his end goal. The Y9 assembly will be taking place on Friday 8th of March and all students will have the opportunity to ask questions and listen to the talk.

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# PE AND SPORT

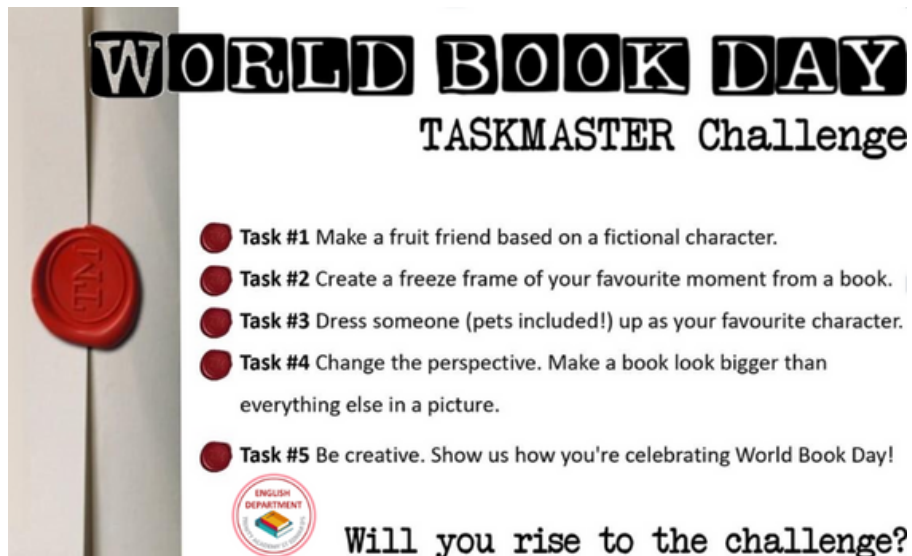
Now we are heading towards Spring and lighter nights, our fixtures will be coming thick and fast again. This week our triumphant girls' football team carried on where they left off with a 1-0 victory, Kaitlyn Oates with the winning goal. Our boys' basketball team played another great game away at Kettlethorpe, unfortunately going down 25-12. Baskets scored by Zakk, James, Henry and Rayan.

Finally, after school on a Monday, we have external coaches coming into school to deliver dance and kickboxing. Please see Mr Wilson if you are interested.




# WORLD BOOK DAY

We are already planning our staff outfits ready to celebrate everything reading on Thursday. Children come to school as normal in their full uniform and during the day there will be tasks and activities in every lesson and in their free time to take part in. One of these is below and it details the Taskmaster challenges for students. Staff will be decorating their classroom doors and we will be shouting loud about the importance of reading and the power of imagination it generates. I will be posting photos of the event in next week's newsletter.



**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
TASKMASTER Challenge

- Task #1 Make a fruit friend based on a fictional character.
- Task #2 Create a freeze frame of your favourite moment from a book.
- Task #3 Dress someone (pets included!) up as your favourite character.
- Task #4 Change the perspective. Make a book look bigger than everything else in a picture.
- Task #5 Be creative. Show us how you're celebrating World Book Day!

 Will you rise to the challenge?

## PREVENT

This week we have welcomed Andrew Barnaby from Barnsley LA to lead an assembly for each year group on PREVENT. He gave detailed information of what radicalisation is and the things to look out for and who to report it to. He covered other topics such as misogyny and how to challenge far right views. If parents are concerned about anything related to radicalisation, extreme views or behaviours, please do get in touch with the pastoral team.

## LEXONIK ADVANCE

One of the biggest challenges that children face in secondary school is accessing vocabulary and ensuring that their reading age is where it should be. Without an understanding of words, they struggle to interpret questions and then answer incorrectly or feel anxious when faced with comprehension and completing work. We have just completed a first piece of work with some students that required a little top up. We are delighted to announce that after a six-week programme, on average the entire group made 46 months progress. This is testament to the work they put in and their dedication and the skill of our fully trained English team who delivered it. We have sent out letters for the next cohort, please do support us with this, it really will make a huge difference to learning and understanding.

# LENT

As I reported last week, we are in the period of lent and our bingo challenge will run throughout, please do try the challenges below at home. We will be supporting Barnsley Foodbank again during this time, if you would like to make any donations, please can you bring them in during the last week of the half term.



The image shows a 'Lent Bingo Challenge' card from Trinity Academy St Edward's. The card features a 5x5 grid of 25 challenge boxes. At the top, the word 'Lent' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, and 'Bingo Challenge' is written in a large, blue, cursive font. Below the grid, the text 'PRAY - FAST - GIVE' is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The card is decorated with colorful geometric shapes and patterns.

**Lent**  
*Bingo Challenge*

Trinity Academy St Edward's

Complete your card by Easter

Ask a teacher how their day is going	Help cook dinner at home	Talk to someone who looks lonely in school	Donate an item of clothing to charity	Give someone a compliment
Do the washing up (without being asked!)	Text someone an encouragement	Donate a toy or book to charity	Go the whole day without complaining	Change or quit an unhealthy habit
Tidy your bedroom	Have a device-free day - give people your full attention	FREE SPACE	Sign or share a campaign for something you care about	Thank the cafeteria staff in school
Make someone laugh	Give up a sweet treat today	Travel in an eco-friendly way today	Make a gift for someone	Write a thank-you note for someone
Invite someone to join you at lunch	Speak to someone you haven't spoken to in a while	Find a way to show appreciation to your family	Say sorry to someone you may have hurt	Pray for, or think about, those who are less fortunate than yourself

**PRAY - FAST - GIVE**

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# LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION- BARNLSLEY

Please see below the current Labour Market Information (LMI) for Barnsley. Labour market information tells you what the workplace looks like. LMI is data taken from publicly available sources, which gives information on jobs and industries. This helps us understand the structural trends and demands of an economy. Labour market information describes the condition of the labour market currently and makes future predictions. It informs us where work opportunities are increasing or decreasing, what occupations exist, what you need to study to get into that occupation, what is required to take up an occupation, how you can find a job, change job or progress in a career. Labour markets operate at local, regional, national and now at international levels. Labour market information can be overwhelming and confusing. Learning what it is and how to use it can assist you in helping your child research careers and find out where those careers exist.

## The Latest Monthly Labour Market Information (LMI) for South Yorkshire\*\*

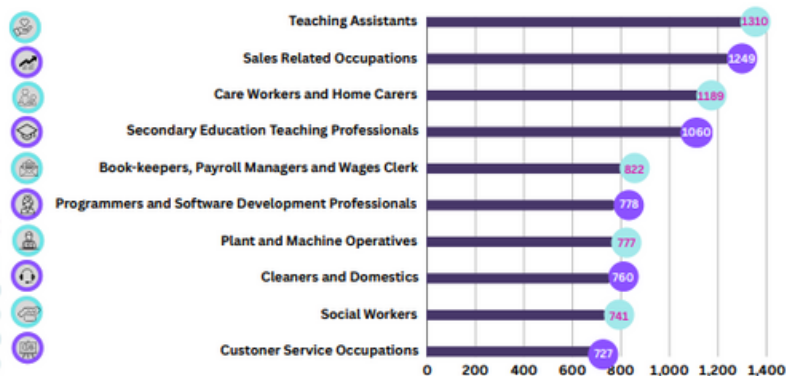
Total Advertised vacancies:  
**78,635**



### Top 10 requested skills:

Communications	Management
Customer Service	Teaching
Sales	Detail Oriented
Planning	Interpersonal Communications
Leadership	Problem Solving

### Top 10 Advertised Occupations:



### Highest Paid

Role	Mean Advertised Salary
Programmers and Software Developers	£42,624
Secondary Education Teaching Professionals	£38,336
Plant and Machine Operatives	£31,872
Social Workers	£30,656
Sales Related Occupations	£27,456
Book-keepers, Payroll Managers and Wages Clerks	£26,048
Customer Service Occupations	£24,000
Care Workers and Home Carers	£23,872
Teaching Assistants	£22,208
Cleaners and Domestic	£21,824

### Lowest Paid

### Top 5 Requested Minimum Education Levels\*:

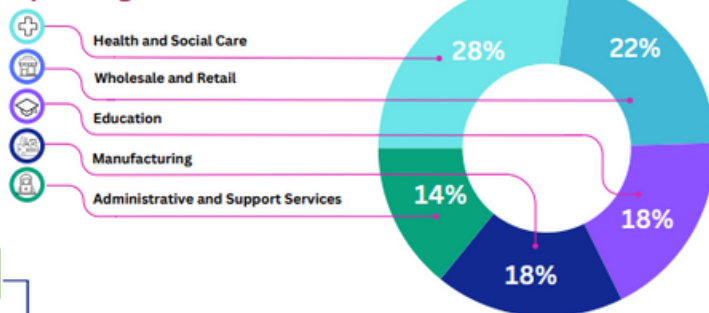
- Standard Secondary Education Grades, such as GCSEs
- Bachelor's Degree or Level 6 equivalent, such as Degree Apprenticeship
- A-levels or Level 3 equivalent, such as advanced apprenticeship or access to higher education diploma
- Foundation Degree or Level 5 equivalent such as HNC/HND
- Master's Degree or Level 7 equivalent, such as PGCE or NVQ

\*From the proportion of employers who share this information on job adverts

### Top 5 Recruiting Employers:



### Top 5 Largest Industries this Year:



\*\*The data on this poster reflects the LMI from the 1st January 2024 - 31st January 2024 and is derived from Lightcast through Doncaster Council



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# Y9 OPTIONS GUIDANCE MEETINGS

Every Wednesday for the next 6 weeks, we have careers adviser Katie Copson from C&K Careers in school meeting with individuals and small groups of Y9 students regarding their options choices. Students will be told in form time notices when their appointment slot is on a Wednesday and should ensure they arrive promptly for their guidance meeting.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4th-Friday 8th March

National Careers Week

Tuesday 5th March

Author visit for Year 7

Wednesday 6th March

Y9 Careers guidance interviews

Y9 Options Evening - 5:30pm – 7pm – all Y9 parents/carers need to attend

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Esports visit to Barnsley College – Y8

Friday 8th March

Motivational speaker assembly Y9

## PE FIXTURES

Monday 4th March

Y7-9 football and netball away at Netherwood

Tuesday 5th March

TMAT games – girls' netball at Trinity Academy Grammar

Thursday 7th March

Y7/8 girls' football vs Kirk Balk

Y9/10 rugby at Shaw Lane

Friday 8th March

Let girls play – inter school event at Honeywell