



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

15TH MARCH 2024

**Word of the week – Fasting**

**Worship Theme of the week – Ramadan (10/03 – 9/04)**

**Core value of the week – Respect and tolerance of  
different beliefs**

**Biblical reference of the week – Isaiah 58:6-7**

Another action packed week passes by where we have entered the Holy month of Ramadan. On behalf of everyone associated with St Edward's can I wish our families celebrating the Holy month a peaceful, family filled and loving time. It has been lovely to see the pictures of our Y8 students who visited Rome this week, some of these are below. As a school and a trust our aim is always to widen minds and broaden horizons, I can't wait to hear all about their adventures. As a reminder, please remember that St Edward's continues to be open until Thursday 28th March this term. Other schools in Barnsley finish next week, our term continues to the following Thursday.

I hope Year 7 parents have been able to log in to School Cloud and start making appointments to see some of their child's teachers, where we can share the successes of the year. I have added a little explanation of the report data in this newsletter. I hope you find this useful.

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# ROME TRIP

Nineteen of our Y8 students have been enjoying an amazing experience visiting Rome this week. This visit was made possible by funding sourced by our Trust working in partnership with the Turing scheme. We are hopeful this will be the start of many more visits run like this. I would like to thank Miss Miller and Mr Dyer for giving up their time to help run the trip for our students. I am sure parents will have missed them and will be looking forward to hearing all about it, as are we.



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# BUSES

We have had a few enquiries about buses for next year. Unfortunately, this is something completely out of our control. We realise that SYPTTE have changed some bus routes that will make the drop off points for children further away. Barnsley Local Authority do not run any bus services for schools, there will not be a bus service for the new school. If parents are unhappy about the public bus changes, then can I encourage you to take it up with SYPTTE, it has nothing to do with the school and something we cannot influence or control. The Parent Leadership Group are looking at whether a private bus route can be sourced and paid for by parents. Please keep watching this space, if this can be set up, it will not be operated or managed by school.

# PE AND SPORT

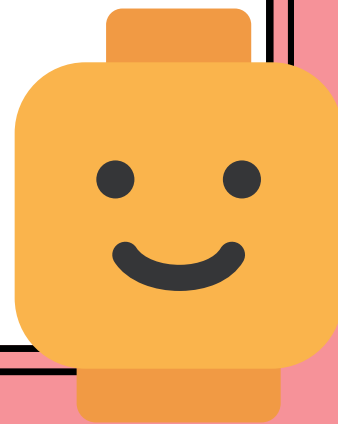
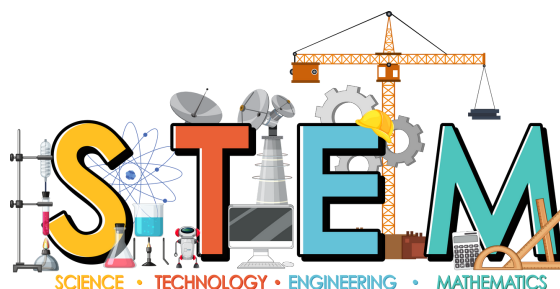
This week we have had football fixtures at Barnsley Academy. Year 7 lost 6-2, Year 8 won 4-2, Year 9 lost 4-0. It was superb to hear about more students playing for the school team for the first time. On Thursday we had some students taking part in a Pentathlon at the English Institute at Sport and our basketball team continued their run of fixtures against Campsmount School.



# STEM

This week Mr Carlin took a team of Y9 students to the annual Rotary Technology and Engineering Tournament. This competition is designed to test their creative minds and to think about design and engineering. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit, and we were delighted to come away with first place. We also had our teams in joint second and third. What a performance from all involved.


Meanwhile, Mrs Bestall took a team of Lego enthusiasts to our first Lego challenge competition. Everyone had a fantastic time, and we came away with another prize for best Lego Robot. Two more amazing experiences and again, thank you to both members of staff for organising this.





# 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 grid of 25 challenge boxes, each with a different colored background. The challenges are: 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. The card is decorated with colorful geometric shapes and the Trinity Academy St Edward's logo in the top right corner.

**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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# REPORTS

A group of parents have asked for a brief explanation of the what the 'on target', 'working towards' and 'above target' statement means. For example, a student may have a % score of 86% and their target statement may still say 'on target'. Below is an explanation for you. When you receive your child's report you will see this section below which aims to explain what the targets mean.

**Section One:** this shows the overall percentage students achieved in their latest assessment. It is used alongside students' starting points at the academy and compared with other students of similar ability to generate their Overall Progress. The report contains information about their Attitude to Learning and how hard they are working in class. You may also see some codes for suggestions of how your child could improve further in some areas.

The report shows their overall percentage score achieved in their latest assessment. This is then used alongside student's individual starting point and it is compared with other students of similar ability at TASE to generate their overall progress grade. This is not given by individual teachers. Two students may have scored the same percentage score but have a different progress grade as this is personal to their own starting point. Likewise, students may have the same progress grade but achieved different percentage scores on the assessment. The target statement is relevant to each student's performance in line with their starting point at TASE in comparison to students of a similar ability to them when they too entered TASE.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 20th March

Get up to Speed with STEM trip

Friday 22nd March

Y9 Cooking experience sessions

### PE FIXTURES

Monday 18th March

Y7-Y9 football and netball vs Darton (away)

Tuesday 19th March

Y8 basketball at Barnsley College

Wednesday 20th March

Y7/8 Girls' football vs Horizon (away)

Thursday 21st March

Y7/8 Girls' football vs Kirk Balk (away)

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