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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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Word of the week – Compassion

Worship Theme of the week – Refugee
Week (16 - 22 Jun)

Core value of the week – Display empathy

Biblical reference of the week – Leviticus
19:33-34

This week is a short newsletter as I just wanted to say how incredibly proud all the staff are to be given our outstanding Ofsted grade. I hope you enjoyed reading the report and are equally as proud to be part of our family. We are the first mainstream secondary school in Barnsley EVER to be given outstanding in all areas. The nicest part of the report is how complementary the inspectors were about the children, their manners, behaviour and achievements. The lead inspector asked me to pass on to the children how very impressed they were, and I have told them all of this in assemblies I did on Thursday. I am so proud to lead this school, I am so proud to be a part of the Barnsley community and so proud of the external recognition we have received. I just wanted to thank all of you for your support and believing in the school, our staff and the work of our trust. Imagine what we will all achieve from September in our new build.

Please celebrate the success yourselves and be proud to be part of our outstanding family.

Here is the link to the full report.

<https://stedwards.trinitymat.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Trinity-Academy-St-Edwards-Ofsted-Report.pdf>



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SOAP BOX DERBY

Our Year 9 team, Mr Carlin, Chi, staff volunteers and parents travelled to Hull on Saturday to compete in the Soap Box Derby challenge. The team have been working on their 'Lightning McQueen' car all year and practising driving it too. They performed fantastically well and came third overall and the best placed junior team. They also won the Fastest Junior Team lap.

What a performance – well done everyone!



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Our first ever group of students taking their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award take part in their final expedition this weekend. The weather has certainly helped. Thank you to those of you who had a word with Mother Nature for me. They have been busy planning their routes and preparing all their equipment and resources. Go smash it everyone!



CHARITY AMBASSADORS EVENT

During Wednesday 3rd of July students from all year groups will have the opportunity to take part in a bake sale in aid of Barnsley Hospice. We are inviting you to bring in baked goods on the day. House points will be given out to all entries with extra house points being awarded to those on theme with the Hospice colours (white and orange). There is no limit to the number of desserts you may wish to make. Students will be able to purchase items during break. The suggested minimum donation is 50p; it will be cash only, and unfortunately no change can be offered as donations will be made directly into sealed Barnsley Hospice donation boxes. Please ensure that any baked goods DO NOT contain any of the following: nuts and pulses.

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PREFECTS

It has been a privilege to read 47 applications this week from our year 9 students wishing to be appointed as prefects. The pride and self-belief they show in their letters and the change they want to make was impressive. Staff will now vote for who they think should be part of the group of 20 prefects. We will announce the group next week and then start the Head Boy/Head Girl and deputies application process. All 47 should be proud of their achievements and their letters, any unsuccessful students will still be taken into consideration for other leadership role we will have in school.

EASTGATE WORKS

There will be some works taking place at the Regent Street end of Eastgate starting on July 8th. Please can you ask children who come to school before 8am to use the path from the car park rather than Eastgate. Those coming after 8am just need to walk on the opposite side of the road to the works and be careful. We will always have staff on duty supporting.

AWARDS EVENINGS

Year 7 and 8 parents will soon be receiving invitations to the awards evenings held at Eastgate before we break for the summer. Year 7 awards focus on attitude to learning and academic progress and one lucky student will take home Mr Leeder's Chair of Governor's award for making the most academic progress in the whole year group.

Year 8's are treated to The Wisdoms event, celebrating all things excellent. Many Wisdoms will be given out for subject areas and students will soon learn if they have been nominated for any awards. These are very special nights, and we cannot wait to welcome all the invitees, nominees and winners.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 24th June – New teaching staff induction day

Tuesday 25th June – Trinity MAT Maths games – Leeds

Wednesday 26th June – Y8 Water Safety assembly

Thursday 27th June – Y9 Road Safety assembly

Thursday 27th June – STEM Mystery Manor trip – Sheffield

Friday 28th June – Y9 KS4 and 5 pathways assembly

Friday 28th June – RSE day

SPORTING FIXTURES

Monday 24th June

Y7/8 cricket vs Kirk Balk (away)

Wednesday 26th June

Trinity MAT Cricket tournament Year 7

Thursday 27th June

Barnsley Schools' Athletics Championship All day

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