

TRINITY ACADEMY ST EDWARD'S UPDATE



4th April 2025



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had another week of amazing experiences for our children. There have been several sports fixtures and two superb STEM related experiences; one trip to Bletchley Park to learn about everything Turing related and a drone experience in our activity studio. It is really great to see all of these superb experiences that our staff organise.

As we move into the final week of this term, we have our end of term celebration assemblies, our latest Masters of Recall Big Quiz and more sporting events. It was lovely to hear from staff about the numerous positive conversations they had with Year 9 parents last night. Please remember to remind Year 9 children to complete their Option choices.

Year 10 are working towards their second set of mock exams when we return and I would encourage a balance between free time and revision over the next few weeks so they can perform as well as they can in those. We are shortly about to commence another round of recruitment for associate staff ready for September and I'm looking forward to interviewing exceptional staff that want to work with your children.

As you may have noticed, we have been reporting lesson lates via our app to keep parents in the loop. There is no reason for a child to be late to lesson as they are given ample time between each transition. If you see a late mark come through, please take this as notification that your child has been late and please address it with them. If you have any issues with the mark, please email contactus and we will endeavour to get back to you within 48 hours. It is not the class teacher's responsibility to call back. A member of the pastoral team will in the timeframe mentioned. Next week our final day is Thursday 10th April and we will reopen on Tuesday 22nd April. I hope that you all have a wonderful break and enjoy some family time together.

STEM events this week

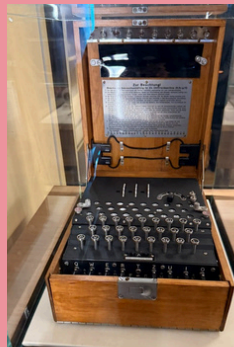
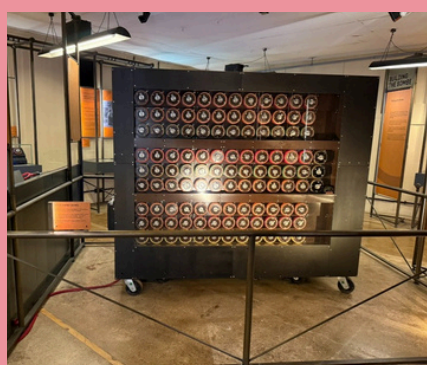
Drones

Codes4Drones were in school earlier in the week to give our students a fantastic opportunity. Students had a practical experience and were writing, applying and debugging codes to enhance their computer science and digital literacy skills.



Bletchley Park

On Wednesday a group of students had the opportunity to delve deeper into the story of Bletchley Park and the process of sending, intercepting and decrypting coded messages. They explored the site, including the Mansion, huts, and exhibitions and took part in an interactive session in which students used practical problem-solving and teamworking skills to begin to understand the scale of the task faced by Bletchley Park's codebreakers during World War Two.



Y10 – Barnsley College taster evenings

Barnsley College is offering free after-school taster sessions to all Year 10 students. These will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, with three dates available for students to choose from.

• Wednesday 30 April • Wednesday 14 May • Wednesday 11 June

There are a range of subjects available across A-Level, T-Level and Vocational pathways, with tasters being offered from 3.30pm. Students will be expected to make their own way to and from these tasters and will need to book a place.

Spaces are limited but with a wide selection of tasters across multiple dates they hope to offer more Year 10 students than ever before the chance to learn more about their options in Further Education.

We strongly advise that students attend one of the evenings to gain an insight in to what Barnsley College can offer post 16.

Please read the letter attached for further information and for the details of how to book on to a taster session.

Term 5 Involve clubs

This week, during form time, our students have been picking their Term 5 Involve clubs.

We have a wide range of clubs available for Year 7 to 10 which focus on students either enjoying an activity for an hour, learning a new skill through one of our endeavour clubs or stretching and challenging their understanding from a curriculum area with an empower club.

Students have been asked to pick their top 3 choices of club and will be allocated one of these three. We continue to monitor which students gain their first choice club each term to ensure this is fair.

Please have a look at the list of term 5 clubs overleaf.

**Year 7+8 INVOLVE Term 5**

Name of club	Staff member	Room	Enjoy, endeavour or empower?
School musical	PMR/EON	Main hall	Enjoy
Clay club	CDR	G02	Enjoy and endeavour
SPARX	DCG	212	Empower
Chaplaincy	VKS	111	Enjoy
Herstory	MCS	104	Empower
Crochet	JWT	202	Endeavour
Zumba/Dance	FBH	Dance studio	Enjoy
Library experience	AMY	Library	Enjoy
History	MER	103	Empower
Comic club	BRE	210	Enjoy
Harry potter	HSR	218	Enjoy
Mindful colouring	LSN	215	Enjoy
Biology	MGH	211	Empower
Rounders	ESN/ERD	Astro	Enjoy and endeavour
Cricket	BWN	Muga	Enjoy and endeavour
Badminton	SSR	Sports Hall	Enjoy and endeavour

**Year 9+10 INVOLVE Term 5**

Name of club	Staff member	Room	Enjoy, endeavour or empower?
Badminton	SSR	Sports hall	Enjoy
Rounders	ESN/ERD	Astro	Enjoy and endeavour
SPARX	DCG	212	Empower
Chaplaincy	VKS	111	Enjoy
Debating for Trinity Scholars	AGA	214	Empower
Jazz band	PMR/NGL	G01	Endeavour
Introduction to linguistics	DCL	114	Endeavour
Library experience	AMY	Library	Enjoy
Science	LLR	205	Empower
Bracelet making	SHL	203	Enjoy and endeavour
Film club	HSA	201	Enjoy
Music reviews	JBS	106	Enjoy
Geography in the news	ETY	105	Enjoy
GCSE Art	CDR	G02	Empower
French speaking	JST	206	Empower
BTEC sport	BWN	101	Empower
Hospitality and catering	VFR	G05	Empower

Music Spring Showcase – 8th April



As we near the end of another term, we want to showcase the hard work of our music students in our Spring Showcase which will be taking place on Tuesday 8th April at 7pm.

Letters of invitation to perform have been given to students who have been part of music INVOLVE clubs, taking lessons with Barnsley Music Hub and our GCSE cohort.

It promises to be a wonderful evening with soloists and ensemble performances across a wide range of instruments and genres! Tickets are free, with the option of a donation to help go towards future performing arts events. Tickets can be secured via the following link:

[Tase Music Showcase tickets](#)

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our amazing music students together!

Young Innovators Council opportunity for Year 9 and 10 students

The Young Innovators Council (YIC) gives young people the opportunity to share their perspectives on Northern Gas Networks' (NGN) projects and plans, and NGN ensures that these thoughts and opinions are put at the heart of the business' decision making. New places have opened up on the Council, and Northern Gas are looking for brilliant young people to join them. Sessions will take place online, outside of school hours, for approximately one to two hours at a time. If students are interested in STEM, society, energy or innovation this is a fantastic opportunity for them.



Apply by
midnight on
Sunday 6th
April!

ARE YOU...

- 14 - 19 years old?
- an innovative trailblazer?
- naturally curious?
- passionate about our collective future?
- interested in STEM*, society, innovation and future energy solutions?

(*Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

If so, apply [HERE](#) or use the QR code above



For more info:
email: youthinsights@solutionsfortheplanet.co.uk
tel: 07900 064532

Lent Challenge and Easter Events

Our Lent Challenge is underway (and included overleaf) why don't you see how many you can complete and challenge your family to see who can do the most!

We are also collecting items for the Barnsley Foodbank as part of our focus on giving during Lent. If you are able to spare any items to donate these can be brought to Chaplaincy on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th April.

We are also running an Easter egg design competition, in aid of Barnsley Hospital Charity, (with a suggested donation of £1 per entry). Please bring any entries to Chaplaincy on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April.

There are two competition categories to enter - one for Easter eggs designed on paper (templates will be available from Chaplaincy next week) and one for designs on a hard boiled/blown egg.

There is a prize for each category, which will be awarded on Thursday 10 April.

Lent Foodbank Donations



Lent @ TASE

PRAY - FAST - GIVE

As part of our focus on giving during Lent, we are joining with Barnsley Foodbank Partnership in collecting items for the food bank.

Suggested donations include long life items such as canned and packet foods, and household items such as toothpaste and nappies.

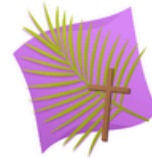
Donations will be received during the last week of term and House points will be awarded.

When we each bring a little it adds up to a lot!
This Lent, together we can make a difference.

The poster features various food and household items including a bowl of lentils, a bottle of ketchup, a jar of jam, a box of cereal, a bag of rice, a bottle of olive oil, a packet of instant noodles, a jar of peanut butter, a box of tissues, a bottle of hand sanitizer, a box of nappies, and a box of toilet paper.



Lent Challenge 2025



Lent provides us with an opportunity to make a difference in our own lives and in the lives of others. Our Lent Challenge helps us to reflect on the three disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Giving that Lent inspires. Have a go at completing the challenges - maybe you could even challenge people at home to get involved too!

Pray

Write a prayer about, or create a list of, the things in your life you are grateful for. Place the prayer/list somewhere you will see it every day to remind you to focus on the good things you have.

Date completed:

Fast

Go without a treat today. Donate the money you would have spent on the treat to a charity of your choice.

Date completed:

Give

Take a moment to think about someone who has helped you recently. Write them a card to say thank you and let them know you appreciate them.

Date completed:

Give

Look for opportunities to help those you live with. Complete a task around the house (without being asked to do so).

Date completed:

Pray

What are the environmental issues facing our world today? Is there anything you can do to address them? Write down a prayer, or your thoughts, and challenge yourself to do something practical to help.

Date completed:

Fast

Think very carefully about the language you use today. Try to fast from unkind words, gossip and negativity. Instead, use your words to compliment and encourage others, and spread kindness.

Date completed:

Fast

Try to fast from devices or social media for a full day. Why not use the time to go outdoors and take time to notice the beauty you see around you.

Date completed:

Give

We can all do our bit to help protect our wonderful world. Plant wildflower seeds to help rewild a patch of grass at home (ask permission first) or plant them in a pot.

Date completed:

Pray

Pray for, or think about, people and places across the world where there is poverty, war, hunger, unrest or injustice. What could you do to help?

Date completed:

Easter Egg Design Competition



Trinity Academy St Edward's



EASTER EGG

DESIGN COMPETITION

BRING YOUR DESIGN TO CHAPLAINCY ON TUES 8 OR WED 9 APRIL. PRIZES AWARDED THURS 10 APRIL.

RECOMMENDED DONATION OF £1 TO ENTER IN SUPPORT OF:

Barnsley Hospital Charity
support local care

TWO CATEGORIES: PAPER (PICK UP A TEMPLATE FROM CHAPLAINCY), OR A BLOWN/HARDBOILED EGG



STEM Engineering Drop Down Day – Volunteers

We will be hosting our next STEM engineering drop down day on 9th July 2025. Last year, we had the privilege of welcoming 20 engineers from various sectors, who shared their valuable insights and experiences with our students.

We would like to make this year's event equally as successful and so we are seeking the support of our TASE community to help us achieve this.

If you are an engineer, or work in a related field, we would love for you to join us and help to inspire the next generation of engineers. We would love for you to share your career journey and experiences in the engineering field.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please contact Mr Dyer at contactus@stedwards.trinitymat.org by 10th April 2025.

Exam Invigilators

We are currently recruiting a number of Casual Exam Invigilators, as well as a Casual Lead Exam Invigilator to work as part of a team during our upcoming busy exam periods. If you know of anyone who would be great at this role, please pass the information on and ask them to get in touch! The links to the vacancies are below and the closing date for applications is **Monday 21st April**.

<https://www.trinitymat.org/all-vacancies/casual-exam-invigilators-13/>

<https://www.trinitymat.org/all-vacancies/casual-lead-exam-invigilator-4/>

MCAS

Please could you take a moment to check your contact details and parental consents are up to date and correct in the My Child at School App (MCAS).

To check your contact details in MCAS please select the Data Collection Form and then Parental Information. To check the parental consents for your child are correct please select Parental Consent.

If you have any queries please email contactus@stedwards.trinitymat.org and we can help update these for you.

Attendance – Easter Egg Prize Draw



Attend every day between 21st March and 10th April to be entered into the prize draw to win a large Easter egg. There will be 5 winners per year group.



Turn up each day and get registered in your form room between 8.25am – 9.00am.



If you have an assembly, you must be registered at the line up outside.



The prize draw will take place on Thursday 10th April and the lucky winners will be announced during period 5.



Students who arrive after 9.00am will not be entered.

A Billion Words Challenge – Giveaway!



Our mission at TASE is for us as a community to achieve reading a billion words. On average, a young adult text is approximately between 50,000 and 80,000 words. We are using the average calculation of 55,000 words per text identified as being read in our school community.

Once students have read a text they complete a short 'A Billion Words' postcard with their initial review/thoughts/summary/ picture of the text. They can then add the title of the text to their form group poster. Each term, students will be updated on who is reading the most (form and year group).

There will be two exciting gift giveaways this term. One prize will be for the parent/carers who emails in the most texts they read. If you read a text, please email aminney@stedwards.trinitymat.org and we will add you to our 'A Billion Words' countdown. The other prize will be for the student who creates the most 'A Billion Words' postcards this term.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 7th April

Masters of Recall Big Quiz - Year 7, 8 and 9

Tuesday 8th April

Spring music showcase 7pm

Tickets can be secured via the following link:

<https://buytickets.at/trinityacademystedwards/1631164>

Wednesday 9th April

Y9 Options deadline

<https://stedwards.trinitymat.org/curriculum/year-9-options/>

Wednesday 9th April

Y8 Paris visit information meeting 4.30pm

Thursday 10th April

Y8 Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm online). Please follow the link below to book appointments <https://tase.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Friday 11th April

Inset Day

Monday 14th April - Monday 21st April

Easter holiday (all students are back in school on Tuesday 22nd April)

Thursday 1st May

Y7 Parents' Meetings - (3.30-6.30pm online)

The booking system will open at 9am on Monday 7th April

Friday 2nd May

An Inspector Calls theatre visit (Y10 GCSE English)

Monday 5th May

Bank Holiday