

TRINITY ACADEMY ST EDWARD'S UPDATE



12th December 2025



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Another fabulous week passes by. We've had more sporting fixtures this week and the visit of Ruth Houston, our SIAMS inspector. It has been great to welcome her and showcase the work we do as a school, underpinned by our Christian Vision. I will share her report with you as soon as I receive it. It will be in the new year.

Next week, we look forward to our Masters of Recall Big Quiz and some end of term celebration assemblies. We will continue to teach and learn right up to the end of Friday 19th December so please ensure your child is in school every day.

Next Wednesday, we are holding our annual Christmas Jumper (item) day. Students can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer, or some form of Christmas related item with their full uniform. Normal standards of uniform are expected other than the jumper/item. On Friday, all students will finish at 2:45pm for their Christmas break.

This is the final newsletter of the year, so can I wish you all a Merry Christmas and I hope 2026 is a year full of happiness and success for all of our community.

Worship word of the week – Encourage
Worship theme of the week – The Power of Words
Core value of the week – Honesty
Biblical reference of the week – Eph 4:29
British Value – Individual liberty



Y11 A Christmas Carol visit

Our Y11 students had a fantastic evening at the Leeds Playhouse last Friday watching 'A Christmas Carol'.

As Year 11 study the novella for their English Literature GCSE, it was great to see it come to life in such a phenomenal performance.

Jólabókaflóð

Our annual Jólabókaflóð (Christmas book flood) is underway. We are hiding books around school for pupils to find and keep. Please let us know if you would like to donate to the Christmas fun!

Thank you to everyone who has brought in books already.



Y7 National Space Centre visit

On Tuesday our Year 7 students had an amazing day at the Space Centre! The highlight was an incredible planetarium show that took us on a journey through the cosmos. Everyone learned something new about our universe and had plenty of fun exploring the exhibits.

It was a fantastic experience that sparked curiosity and excitement about space science!

Principal's Commendation Award

Petra was awarded the Principal's commendation award for her outstanding artwork that won a Barnsley wide competition. Petra's parents came along to the meeting and she was presented with a certificate and a £50 Amazon voucher.



Y10 Celebration assembly

Last Friday it was the turn of our wonderful Y10 cohort to celebrate receiving their achievement points badges, Marvel Moments awards, attendance awards, subject heroes and Mr Palmer's SLO award. Well done everyone!



Christmas lunch and Christmas item Day

Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 17th December, please be aware that this will be the only hot lunch option on that day. Sandwiches and wraps will be available for those children not wanting Christmas lunch.

Children are also invited to wear one Christmas item on this day in exchange for a donation to BIADS. This could be a Christmas jumper, hat, socks, scarf or tinsel. Children can wear a jumper instead of their blazer, or they can wear a Christmas item instead but if doing this must still have their blazer. All other items of uniform should remain the same. Children are welcome to bring in cash donations which can be placed directly into BIADS charity buckets in school, or donations are accepted online <https://www.justgiving.com/charity/biads>

We will also be holding the TASE Christmas service in school that morning.



Elf Run

We are again taking part in the Elf Run, raising funds for Barnsley Hospice, during the last week of term. Cash buckets are in school, or please follow the link below to donate online:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/trinity-academy-st-edwards-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Job Fairs

Details of Sheffield University/AMRC Training Centre's job fairs are now live on the AMRC Training Centre website amrctraining.co.uk

A job fair for Sheffield Forgemasters is taking place on 10th February (4pm to 6pm). Anyone wishing to work for Forgemasters can attend to meet the apprenticeship team. Please follow the link below to book a place.

amrctraining.co.uk/whats-on/forgemaster-job-fair-2026

General job fairs will also be held on 24th February, 12th March and 12th May 2026 (2.30pm to 6.30pm) at the AMRC Training Centre. Booking is advised but not essential. The job fairs are suitable for Y11 students, or anyone looking to start an apprenticeship next year.



Apprenticeships Virtual Event – 21st January 2026

Opportunity Sheffield, the employment and skills service in Sheffield City Council, are inviting students in Year 10 and 11 and parents/carers to their upcoming free virtual event – Apprenticeships: Build Your Future Today

Date: Wednesday 21st January 2026

Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Location: Online (link provided before event)

This event will be a great opportunity to find out more about apprenticeships and hear directly from employers and current apprentices about:

- What apprenticeships are really like
- How to get ready and stand out in applications
- The skills and qualities employers are looking for

The session will provide valuable insights and practical tips. There will also be a Q & A session at the end.

If you would like to attend, please follow the link below to secure your place:
[Apprenticeships: Build Your Future Today – Universe](#)

If you have any questions about the event please get in touch at apprenticeshipready@sheffield.gov.uk or harry.mcgregor@sheffield.gov.uk

Young People's Volunteering Service at Barnsley CVS

The Young People's Volunteering Service at Barnsley CVS is a new service aimed at supporting young people in Barnsley (aged 13yrs - 18yrs primarily but up to 25yrs dependent on circumstance and additional needs) to access volunteering locally.

This support can range from signposting, connecting young people with charities and making introductions, to the Young People's Volunteering Coordinator actually attending taster sessions and inductions with young people to offer support.

Young People's Volunteering Coordinator, John Rowbotham, works one-on-one with young people to ensure that the volunteering they end up doing is meaningful, impactful, safe, and supports the young people's goals – be that to support their CV or employability, to build confidence, meet new people, or anything else they might aspire to achieve. Please see below for details of how to get in touch.



How can we help?

- One-to-one Support to access volunteering
- Help finding the right role for you
- Connecting you with organisations

If you're aged 13-25 and live or study in Barnsley

Get Involved. Volunteer.

Boost Your CV | Meet New People | Make New Friends
Learn New Skills | Try a New Hobby | Help your Community

Get in touch and let us know you're a young person interested in volunteering by scanning the QR code, or by emailing: john.rowbotham@barnsleycvs.org.uk

Night Owls

Night Owls is a single point of access, overnight listening service for people experiencing emotional difficulties.

They support young people, their parents and carers living in Bradford, Leeds, Calderdale, Kirklees, Wakefield and Barnsley.

If you need to get in touch please see the details below.

Call: 0800 148 8244 (freephone) Text: 07984 376950

Online support: wynightowls.org.uk

Open from 8pm – 8am. 365 days a year.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 15th December

Masters of Recall - KS3

Wednesday 17th December

TASE Christmas service, Christmas lunch and wear a Christmas item day

Friday 19th December

Last day of term

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th January 2026

INSET days

Wednesday 7th January 2026

Children are back in school

Friday 9th January 2026

STEM Race experience day at Leeds University (linked to Involve)

Tuesday 20th January

Barnsley College Hair and Beauty taster session (Y9)

Tuesday 20th January

Greenhead College visit (French Honours Programme Y11 students)

Thursday 22nd January 2026

Next Gen Leaders Level Up event - Pudsey Civic Hall (linked to Involve)

Friday 13th February 2026

INSET day

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Half Term

Term dates can be found [here](#)

