

TRINITY ACADEMY ST EDWARD'S UPDATE



5th December 2025



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

It seems a while since I last wrote to you because of our INSET day last week. We hosted our Trust's education festival, 'Trinityfest', at TASE last week with over 750 staff visiting and showcasing the educational talent we have across our Trust. It was a superb day and visiting staff were blown away by our lovely school.

Last week, I was so proud to watch our first GCSE Drama cohort deliver their performance for part of the exam coursework. They were all amazing. What a talented bunch of children we have in school. I am always so proud of them all.

On to this week, we loved seeing some of you at our annual Christmas Carol Concert, our children who performed in the choir or concert band were simply superb. In this period of Advent, we are continuing to support local charities such as BIADS and Barnsley Hospice. Please do offer any help to us in our charity events over the next few weeks so we can support those that need it most at this time of year.

Next week we have a key event; we will be inspected by SIAMS for the first time. This is a statutory inspection that occurs every five years or so for Church of England schools. You will have been sent a letter from the inspector. We can't wait to welcome her and show her our school and to meet everyone. Our Christian Vision is a key part of our culture and can be seen and felt everywhere in our interactions. I know she will enjoy the visit and we look forward to a successful report that celebrates our strengths and offers any further work we can do.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Worship word of the week – Anticipation
Worship theme of the week – Advent
Core value of the week – Respect
Biblical reference of the week – Is 9:2, 6-7
British Value – Respect and tolerance

Celebration Assemblies

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 celebrated their subject heroes, attendance award winners, (including vouchers and Advent calendars) achievement point badge winners and SLO award winners this week. Well done to all our amazing students.

Here is a selection of photos from the assemblies, please take a look at our X and Facebook accounts for more. The photos from the Y10 assembly will be uploaded soon as the assembly was today



Y7





Y8



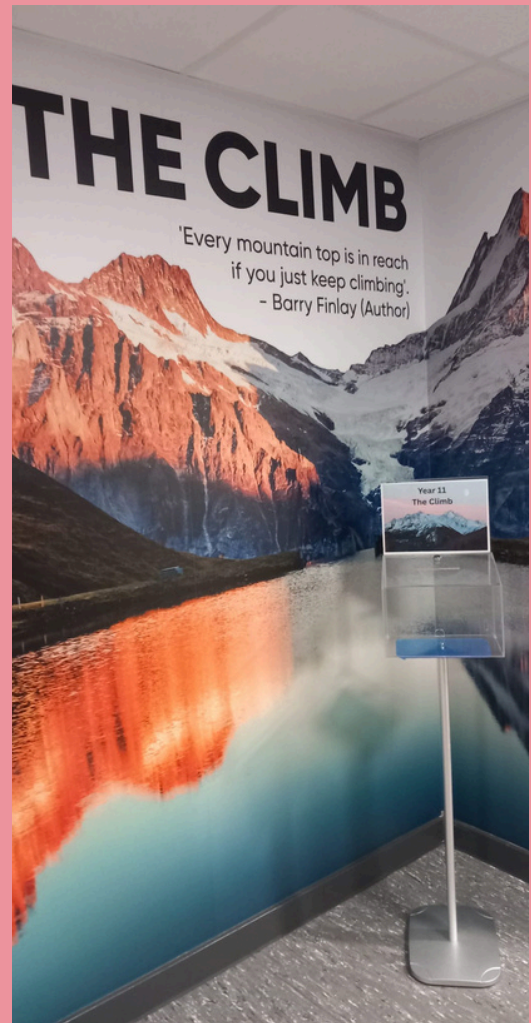
Y9



Celebration Assemblies

Our Y11 cohort had their Stage 2 Climb celebration assembly this week.

So many independent study tickets, vouchers, keyrings, free Prom tickets and £50 Prom outfit contributions were given out courtesy of Barnsley Barbell and The Pantry



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:

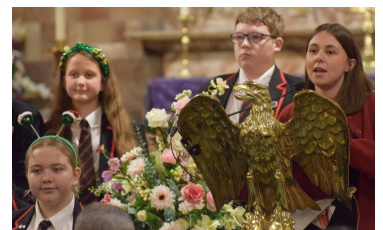
https://www.justgiving.com/page/trinity-academy-st-edwards-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Christmas Community Carol Service

Our Carol Service on Wednesday certainly got us all into the festive spirit. We were so proud of our school choir, all our soloists and our concert band who delivered fantastic performances accompanied by the wonderful Barnsley Metropolitan Brass Band.

The enthusiastic and energetic audience participation in the of the Twelve Days of Christmas is now a firmly established TASE tradition!

Thank you to everyone who came along to support this event. A proportion of the ticket sales will be donated to BIADS, a local Barnsley charity.



Christmas lunch and Christmas item Day

Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 17th December. 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. 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.



Trinity Academy St Edward's

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS ITEM DAY

17th DECEMBER 2025

The TASE Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 17th December. Students are also invited to wear one Christmas item to school on this day. This could be a Christmas jumper, hat, socks, scarf or tinsel. All other items of uniform, including blazer, shirt, tie, skirt and trousers should remain the same.

Sandwiches, wraps and jacket potatoes will be available to purchase for any student not wishing to have a Christmas lunch



Donate to BIADS

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17 December 2025

Wear your Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory with the rest of your school uniform.

PROUD SUPPORTER OF BIADS
BRAINSCIENCE INSTITUTE

Barnsley Music Service

TASE is the lead secondary school for music in Barnsley and we were recently featured in Barnsley Music Service's newsletter. Please take a look below at their termly update.



Lead Schools for Music - Termly updates

Our secondary lead school, **Trinity Academy** hosted their first teacher meet up in October for music leads across Barnsley - they said "It was great to collaborate and share the amazing musical offer that our students receive across the Borough, and how we can build and improve for all young people across Barnsley."



Trinity are also proud to have received from the music service the Music Mark recognition for ambition and quality. And look forward to another exciting year creating amazing musical experiences for our young people.

They were also proud to host the National Youth Orchestra Open event on Monday 27th October inviting local young musicians aged 12–18 who play any instrument at Grade 3+ to join the NYO creative team, and contribute to a brand-new piece inspired by orchestral music explored during the day.

STEM Educator of the Year Award

We were delighted that Mrs Bestall was awarded STEM Educator of the Year award recently at a ceremony in Newcastle.

We are so very fortunate to have such talented professionals working at our school.



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

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 9th December

National Space Centre Visit - Leicestershire (Y7)

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

Term dates can be found [here](#)

