

TRINITY ACADEMY ST EDWARD'S UPDATE



16th January 2026



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and enjoyed some well deserved family time. Can I take this opportunity to pass on my best wishes for 2026 to you all.

We have well and truly started the year with a bang. As you know we were inspected by SIAMS just before the break and I have sent out the report and a summary letter to you all via MCAS. The report is superb and really celebrates our wonderful school, staff and children. I hope you take pleasure and pride from reading it and it further cements what we already know; that St Edward's enable all adults and children to flourish. Thank you for your continued support.

This week we have been completing the first set of Key Stage 3 assessments and children have been working hard in lessons and I'm sure will do themselves proud. Results will be sent to you in due course. Our Y10 students completed their first mocks prior to the break and those results will be with parents in the next few weeks. This week we celebrated our Masters of Recall results and we had our first Platinum Masters of Recall badges of the year given out to two Year 9 students, well done Noah and Vlad.

You may have seen some worrying news this week about AI generated images on X and I want to thank some parents who have reached out. I am pleased to see that the Government are taking swift action. We use X and Facebook to celebrate the wonderful work our students complete and their amazing

achievements. We are very proud to share these and I know you all enjoy seeing and celebrating their successes. Without these, in typical teenager fashion, you may never find out as they wouldn't tell you! I want to reassure parents that the nature of our posts wouldn't necessarily lead to anyone wanting to alter them and generally they are larger group images that should prevent any tampering. Unfortunately, this is the world we live in and we must be aware and careful of the pitfalls of AI and online platforms.

We will continue to celebrate our students as we always have and keep a keen eye on developments and any further online safety measures that could come into force, but I do ask that if you are worried and/or unsure, please let us know and you can opt to not give permission to share photos. It is important to note that we have had no reports of any issues with our accounts.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to more exciting opportunities next week for our children and seeing them working hard and enjoying their learning in lessons.

Worship word of the week – World Religion Day (18/01)

Worship theme of the week – Harmony

Core value of the week – Respect

Biblical reference of the week – Mt 7:12

British Value – Respect and tolerance

Masters of Recall Celebration Assemblies

We held our Masters of Recall celebration assemblies for Years 8 and 9 last week and for Y7 this week. Well done to all the Top 20 scorers and badge winners, we are so proud of you all. We have included a selection of photos below but please follow our X account @TrinityAcadStE or follow our Facebook page for more.



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Y11 Attendance

There are currently just over 50 days until the start of this year's GCSE exams. Attending school has never been more vital for the academic excellence we are working towards.

Students with 95% attendance and above in year 11 are up to 1.9 times more likely to achieve a grade 5 and above. Missing even a single day of school at this stage can reduce this by 5% and missing the equivalent of 10 days effectively halves this.

As in every other term there are a range of rewards and prizes available for perfect and improved attendance including JustEat vouchers and doughnut breakfasts for top attending form groups.

GCSE Exams

The last contingency date for the GCSE examinations is Wednesday 24th June 2026. After February half term the full exam timetable will be sent out to Y11 parents/carers.

Joseph Locke Primary School

Joseph Locke Primary School has been in touch to ask us to remind our students that their school site is private property and should not be used as a shortcut in the mornings or the evenings.

Students should only access the site if they are waiting to collect any siblings who attend the school.

10p Tuesdays for Barnsley Hospice

Our 10p Tuesdays are still ongoing for the remainder of this academic year.

We are delighted to let you know that from October to December we raised £194 for Barnsley Hospice. Thank you for your donations and we can't wait to see how much we raise by the end of the year!



Apprenticeships Virtual Event – 21st January 2026

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

The online event runs on Wednesday 21st January 2026 4:30pm – 6:00pm. A link will be sent to the email address provided when registering 24 hours before the event begins so please register before this time.

The 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
- an overview of apprenticeships and the support available
- How to get ready and stand out in applications
- The skills and qualities employers are looking for

The session is designed to 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



Job Fairs

Details of Sheffield University/AMRC Training Centre's job fairs can be found 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.



Parent Leadership Group

At Trinity Academy St. Edward's, we value input from our parents/carers and aim to work with you to support your child achieve their full potential. One method we use to achieve this is through our Parent Leadership Group.

The aim of the group is to discuss aspects of the school from a parent/carer perspective and provide clarity of practice to enable us to work together as a community.

The next PLG meeting is on Wednesday 25th February 2026 5pm - 6pm

If you would like to attend please let us know by emailing contactus@stedwards.trinitymat.org

Dates for the Diary

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

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

Tuesday 27th January

Vaccination team in school for the Y8 HPV vaccine. To give consent for your child to have the vaccine please complete the consent form

<https://www.barnsleysais.co.uk/Forms/HPV> (school code is: BN148561)

Thursday 29th January

Y11 Parents' Evening (3.30–6.30pm in person) please follow the link below to book appointments. <https://tase.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Tuesday 3rd February

'We Solve It' STEM event at Kirk Balk Academy (small group of Y8 girls)

Thursday 4th February

Barnsley College Esports Taster session (Y9)

Tuesday 10th February

KS3 Masters of Recall

Friday 13th February

INSET day

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Half Term

Term dates can be found [here](#)