

TRINITY ACADEMY ST EDWARD'S UPDATE



26th January 2026



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Another cracking week passes us by at St Edward's. I had the pleasure of leading our collective worship and listening to our Next Gen Leaders presenting on the projects they want to lead to improve aspects of our local community such as road safety and food shortages last week. A huge thank you to Miss Taylor who supports the children in this work. We really do have a caring and proactive group of children. The focus of my presentation was kindness and ensuring we are always kind to one another in our actions and gestures. Our children really live this out each day and I always see and hear such polite and well behaved children.

I was really pleased to see a group of parents working in school last week as part of the 'Talking Teens' initiative and I'm sure they have and will benefit greatly from the training.

I had the pleasure of welcoming professionals from as far away as Surrey last Friday to our Literacy Showcase Day, focusing on how we support children in lessons to improve their reading skills and grasp of language. The visitors were blown away by the level of challenge and support in the curriculum and lessons, and how positive and welcoming both staff and students were.

It was also a pleasure to host both primary and a secondary schools from Barnsley to compete in the Sports Hall Athletics event last week and see our amazing Y10 Sports Studies group doing so well in helping to run the sessions.

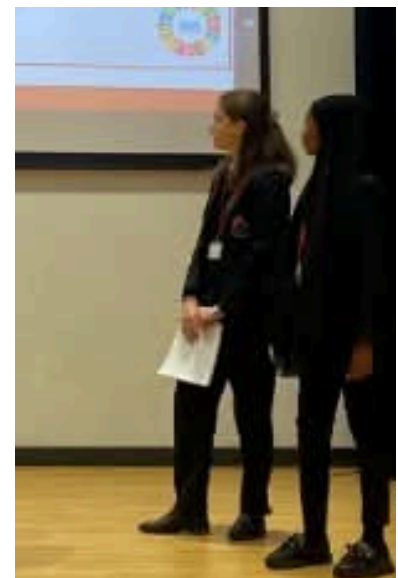
A busy week this week with our second Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday where we will be discussing mock results and the support on offer as they progress towards their final exams.

Have a great week.

Worship word of the week – Compassion
Worship theme of the week – Kindness
Core value of the week – Responsibility
Biblical reference of the week – Eph 4:32
British Value – Individual liberty

Collective worship assemblies

Well done to our Next Gen leaders for their amazing presenting skills during our collective worship assemblies last week.



Virtual Work Experience Opportunities Y7-Y11

Digdata have asked us to share with our students the following information. They have collaborated with Google to bring virtual work experience opportunities to students via zoom on the 28th and 29th January.

Wednesday 28th January at 4.30 pm

FIRST STEP – suitable for students in Y7-9 (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

Want to be a YouTuber? Dig into the data sources that could make you go viral

- A 45-minute briefing with the Google team
- Complete the career challenge at your own pace
- Certificate awarded on completion
- [Register here](#)

Thursday 29th January at 5pm

NEXT STEP – suitable for students in Y10-11 (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

Google joins forces with Gen Z Creators to launch the Pixel 10!

- A 45-minute virtual briefing with the Google team
- Complete the career challenge at your own pace
- Certificate awarded on completion
- [Register here](#)

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Job Fairs



University of
Sheffield / **AMRC**
Training Centre

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

A general job fair will also be held on 24th February 2026 (2.30pm to 6.30pm) at the AMRC Training Centre Off Highfield Spring, Catcliffe Rotherham S60 5BL.

Booking is advised but not essential. The job fairs are suitable for Y11 students, or anyone looking to start an apprenticeship next year.

Details of Sheffield University/AMRC Training Centre's job fairs can be found on the AMRC Training Centre website amrctraining.co.uk

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

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.

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.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 27th January

The vaccination team are in school for the Y8 HPV vaccine. To give consent for your child to have the vaccine you will need to complete a consent form <https://www.barnsleysais.co.uk/Forms/HPV> (school code: 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

Wednesday 11th February

Cineworld workplace visit (Y8)

Thursday 12th February

Information meeting for Krakow visit 5-6pm

Friday 13th February

INSET day

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Half Term

Term dates can be found [here](#)