

TRINITY ACADEMY ST EDWARD'S UPDATE



12th October 2026



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

I cannot believe we only have this week to go before the first half term is completed. This week we have our final celebration assemblies of the term and Year 11 have their Stage 1 Climb celebration assembly too.

Last week, we welcomed a colleague from the Inclusion Mark team into school to review our Centre of Excellence status; they were delighted with what they saw and we have been accredited the status again. They were incredibly impressed with how the students and staff spoke about the warm, positive culture of the school.

We have received some other superb news, Mr Carlin, our Subject Co-ordinator for DT has been nominated for STEM Teacher of the Year. He received the news last week that this has now become a shortlisted finalist and he has been invited to the Awards Ceremony in London – we wish him good luck.

This week we will deliver our Harvest Liturgy in school; it is an important time to reflect on what we receive from our world and how we can also give freely to others. Thank you to everyone who is able to send in produce for our Harvest collection.

We're looking forward to welcoming Y11 parents and carers to school on Thursday for the first of their face-to-face parents' evenings to look ahead to mock exams and how our Y11s have started the year.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Edurio Parent Partnership Award for the collaborative work we do together. This places us in one of the top ten schools in the country for this work and it is a reflection on the results of the annual survey that you fill in. Wonderful news I'm sure you will agree.

Worship theme of the week – Black History Month

Biblical reference of the week – Galatians 3:28

Worship word of the week – Honour

Core value of the week – Respect

British Value – Respect

Platinum Masters of Recall Award

It was a pleasure to welcome Cara and Beau's parents to school last week to celebrate them being awarded their Masters of Recall Platinum award and the unveiling of their red stars, as they have achieved 100 100% scores in Masters of Recall since Y7.

Well done, this is a fantastic achievement!



E-Scooters

The safety of our students and the wider community is of paramount importance. Therefore, we request that privately owned e-scooters are not permitted on public roads, pavements or cycle paths.

Recent concerns have been raised regarding students riding e-scooters without helmets, failing to follow road traffic laws and placing themselves and others at risk.

Students travelling to and from school should use safe, legal and age-appropriate methods of transport and ensure they always follow the Highway Code. Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss safe travel arrangements with their children and to reinforce the importance of responsible behaviour when travelling to and from Trinity Academy St Edward's.

Together, we can help ensure everyone's journey to school is safe and respectful of the local community.

Harvest Foodbank Donations

We are collecting for Barnsley Foodbank again for Harvest.

Donations of canned, dry or long life packaged food, toiletries etc., are all welcome. Please bring any donations to Chaplaincy before school on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th or Thursday 15th October and House points will be awarded.

Thank you in advance for any donations you are able to bring.



Wear Red Day – Friday 16th October



Following on from our fantastic Black History Month assemblies and collective workshop led by our students last week we are inviting our school community to wear a red accessory on Friday 16th October.

This could be a red bow, red socks or a red scarf etc. All other uniform must remain the same please.

Please get involved and show your support.

Cyber Security Ambassadors

Four of our amazing Y11 DIT students are now Young Cyber Security Ambassadors for the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Organised Crime Unit.

What a fantastic achievement – the future of cyber security is definitely in safe hands!



Shaw Lane October Half Term Activities

ActiveBarnsley will be delivering a range of outdoor sports & indoor activities over half term, along with a choice of a tasty hot or cold meal option every day.

The sessions are free for children aged 6-16 who are in receipt of targeted related free school meals.

The sessions run between 9am – 3pm Monday 26th to Thursday 29th October at Barnsley Rugby club, Shaw lane, S70 6HZ.

For more information and to book a place, please follow the link below:

<https://eequ.org/book/shaw-lane-october-half-term-activities-with-active-barnsley-27946>

Understanding T Levels

As National T Levels Week 2026 approaches, we're pleased share details of a dedicated webinar for parents and carers to help them understand T Levels including what they involve, how they differ from other post-16 options, and the progression opportunities they can lead to.

David Scott, T Levels lead at the Department for Education, will be joining the webinar along with a parent who will share their experience of T Levels from a parents' perspective.

If you are interested in attending the webinar please follow the link below to register

T Levels Week Parent and Carer webinar: Understanding T Levels

Tuesday 20th October 2026, 18:30 – 19:15

[Register here](#)

If you would like to find out more about T Levels please register even if you are unable to attend on the day, as all registrants will receive access to the webinar recording and slides afterwards.

A purple graphic featuring a laptop screen in the center. The screen displays the text: 'Parent & Carer Webinar', 'Understanding T Levels', '20th October 2026', and '6:30-7:15pm'. Above the laptop, the text 'T-LEVELS THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION' is on the left and 'Amazing Apprenticeships' is on the right. Below the laptop, there is a red 'REGISTER NOW' button, the URL 'amapps.uk/t-level-parent-carer-webinar', and a QR code. Red arrows point upwards from the bottom corners towards the laptop screen.

TASE Careers Café

TASE Careers Café's are back for 2026/2027.

In order to help inspire and motivate our students we are looking for a variety of volunteers to come and speak to our students about your current and/or previous roles.

The session will involve giving students an overview of what your job entails, the training required to do your job and any additional information relating to your career that you think would be beneficial for our students.

Careers cafes will run on a Thursday across our two lunch times from 12.15 until 1.45pm. There will be a half an hour break in between where you are welcome to join us for lunch as a thank you.

Please contact Laura Pearson through contactus@stedwards.trinitymat.org if you are able to volunteer your time and organise a suitable date.

Many thanks in advance.



Advice Regarding Student Absence During the Colder Months

As we approach winter, seasonal illnesses such as colds, sore throats and other viruses may become more prevalent within our school community.

While we recognise that some absences are unavoidable, we would like to encourage parents and carers to support their child's attendance by sending them to school every day possible. Sore throats, coughs and colds can be easily managed with over-the-counter medication – if you would like school to hold this for your child, please contact us to complete a medical consent form.

There are also some exciting rewards and incentives planned for the upcoming term to recognise and celebrate students and families who demonstrate excellent and consistent attendance. We would love to be in a position to offer this to all of our students!

NHS guidance states 'It's fine to send your child to school with cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache.'

Please note, students do not need to wait 48 hours to return to school after sickness and diarrhoea. We encourage high levels of personal hygiene and frequent hand washing; the school building is cleaned and disinfected every day by our wonderful team.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high levels of attendance and ensuring our students make the most of every opportunity to learn.

School Fixtures/Events W/C 12th October


SCHOOL FIXTURES • EVENTS • HOUSE EVENTS • CLUBS
TRINITY ACADEMY ST EDWARD'S | WEEKLY OVERVIEW

WEEK COMMENCING: __12 / __10 / __26__

SPORTING FIXTURES

TUE Y9 and Y10 Rugby @ Shaw Lane – Head to changing rooms at 2.45pm

TUE Y7 Netball @ Holy Trinity – Head to changing rooms at 2.45pm

THU Cross – Country @ HORIZON (interested students please speak to a member of PE team – HEAD TO CHANGING ROOMS AT 2.45PM)

FRI BARCELONA SPORTS TOUR – ARRIVE AT SCHOOL FOR 3AM

SCHOOL EVENTS

MON

TUE

WED

THU

LUNCH CLUBS

MON LUNCH 1 – BADMINTON LUNCH 2 - BADMINTON

TUES LUNCH 1 – FOOTBALL (ASTRO) LUNCH 2- FOOTBAL (ASTRO)

WED LUNCH 1 – BADMINTON LUNCH 2 - BADMINTON

THU LUNCH 1 – FOOTBALL (ASTRO) LUNCH 2- FOOTBAL (ASTRO)

FRI LUNCH 1 – BADMINTON LUNCH 2 - BADMINTON

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

AFTER SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL TUESDAY INVOLVE – 2.45-3.45 • Room: SPORTS HALL

THURSDAY – ALL DAY

AFTER SCHOOL

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 13th October

KS3 Masters of Recall

Wednesday 14th October

Harvest Services for students in school

Thursday 15th October

Y11 Parents' Evening (in-person) at school (3.30pm and 6.30pm).

Please use the link <https://tase.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book appointments.

Friday 16th October – Tuesday 20th October

Barcelona residential

Saturday 17th October – Sunday 1st November

Half term

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 17th - Monday 19th October

Iceland residential

Saturday 24th - Monday 27th October

Battlefields Belgium and France residential

Monday 2nd November

Children are back in school

Term dates can be found [here](#)



The poster features a black background with a central golden globe surrounded by radiating lines. Several golden stars of varying sizes are scattered around the globe. The text is centered and reads:

**PROM SPONSORSHIP
REQUEST**
TASE Prom 2027

We are asking parents and local businesses if they would like to make a £50 donation to contribute the purchase or hire of a prom dress/suit .

If you would like to sponsor a TASE student for the 2027 prom please email us at contactus@stedwards.trinitymat.org.

Your donations will contribute to providing an amazing experience for our students!

Thank you