June 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

The Summer Term at Trinity High School has been busy. Our young people have worked so hard, especially our senior students in preparation for their National Examinations and we anticipate a strong set of results that reflects all of their efforts. Our new timetable is up and running; it was fantastic to meet our new S1 and we look forward to welcoming them back in August. We have thoroughly enjoyed a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities that makes our school so special.

There have been many highlights this term including our sporting success in football, especially for the U13's who won the Lanarkshire League Final and our Senior Netball Team winning the South Lanarkshire League. A Health and Activities week in which all pupils in S1 - 3 participated in a range of healthy workshops culminating in another Sunny Sports Day which showcased our talented athletes. Our Summer School Show "Sunshine on Leith" was reinstated with fantastic performances from our young actors and crew, and our first ever Arts Exhibition was held demonstrating the many talents of our young people. Pupil leadership continued to flourish with very high numbers of students providing leadership and service by undertaking Caritas, Duke of Edinburgh, Sports Leadership and Dance Leadership Awards.

Bishop Toal, Fr. Annis and our associated priests kindly concelebrated our Patronal Feast Day mass. At the end of the service, our school's tradition of caring for others was recognised through our Lenten Appeal, which raised over £6000 for our chosen charities. In addition, our young people donated over 4000 items to our local Food Bank this year. All of this work truly demonstrates our pupils living out our school values of Faith, Hope and Charity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents and guardians for your continued support over the past session. The Parent Teaching Association and Parent Council have provided us with tremendous support and I wish to acknowledge the many ways that they continue to assist the school in its efforts to provide a wide range of opportunities for all our young people.

At the end of the session, we say farewell to Mr Rafferty from the Business and Computing Science Department, who takes up his new post of Faculty Head in Carluke High School. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him the very best in his new school.

None of what happens within Trinity High School is not possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff. I would like to thank them all and wish them a restful holiday.

It would be amiss not to thank our young people for being the most fantastic ambassadors of our school. We really are proud of you all.

Finally, our current session ends on Friday 24th June. We will close the term with mass led by Fr. Annis at the beginning of period 4. Mass will be followed by lunch and school will close at 1pm. I look forward to seeing all pupils return on Wednesday 16th August 2023.

Stay safe and have a lovely holiday!

Allison Craig, Head Teacher

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Openness and Acceptance

At the end of an academic year what change did we expect of young pupils?

Those spontaneous notable changes that can be noticed in our students at times surprises our own expectations. It has been a privilege to see those miraculous moments where signs of growth become visible through their behaviour. An unanticipated attitude that was absent before shown in a generous act.

One of the moments of witnessing twenty young students during five days camp at Crieff "Generation Hope". Each activity was an invite and not a request for change. We listened to how young people from different places experienced changed. We met people who made a difference to others in faraway countries like Africa and India. We heard how God works in lives that changed leaving us to believe that change can happen without telling you what to do.

Change? A Jesuit Priest and Spiritual writer wrote once in his book “The Song of the Bird”

“I was a neurotic for years. I was anxious and depressed and selfish. Everyone kept telling me to change.

I resented them, and I agreed with them, and I wanted to change, but simply couldn’t, no matter how hard I tried.

What hurt the most was that, like the others, my best friend kept insisting that I change. So I felt powerless and trapped.

Then one day, he said to me, “Don’t change. I love you just as you are.”

[from Anthony DeMello S.J. “The Song of the Bird”]

Being open to change as a growing process is living. Life then is not an achievement, but a joy of becoming myself.

Insistence does not help change, but openness and acceptance allow change to happen as naturally as growing.

Chaplain: Paul Annis MCCJ

TRINITY GOLF CLUB

Just a message to say well done to the golfers and staff for their support this year in promoting golf for all of our young people. This year pupils participated in indoor practice, attended Top Golf and the advanced players represented the school at the Lanarkshire Championship in Hamilton and the Scottish Schools Championship qualifier at Kirkhill. Golf is growing at Trinity and we hope to see more pupils coming along to try it out in 2023-24. Total beginners are very welcome! Thursday lunchtimes, see Mr O’Neill if you are interested.

SUNSHINE ON LEITH

Well done to everyone on stage and backstage who were involved in our summer show Sunshine On Leith.

The show played to packed houses each night with great reviews from everyone who saw the show.

The show features the music of The Proclaimers and the cast were thrilled to receive a good luck video message from the twins Craig and Charlie Reid.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS DAY

The whole Trinity High School community have come together to select and highlight the employability skills that are most relevant to our pupils and the environment in which they live. These skills were then used to produce a poster which is displayed in every classroom. The poster is used as a reference to pinpoint the skills that the pupils are using in the various tasks and activities they are involved in across the curriculum. The pupils soon start to learn that these transferrable skills occur across all their subjects and they don't need to be good at Maths to have strong problem-solving skills.

The culmination of this skills focussed period is the Trinity High School Employability Skills Day. This is when all S1 pupils can undertake various challenges designed to have them consider, and focus on, the skills they have learned in the classrooms of all their subjects.

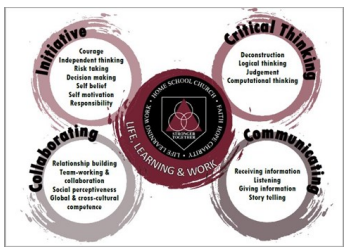
Water Transportation – do the pupils have the technical skills to plan and build a water transportation system that will allow water to travel from point A to point B whilst navigating various obstacles?

Water Filtration/Purification – can the pupils understand the science that enables them to follow the instructions and use the tools required to turn dirty water into something that is safe and drinkable?

Orienteering – Map reading skills, team work and leadership come to the fore in this challenge. Which team can navigate the course and collect the key points of interest fastest?

Blindfold Obstacle Course – The pupils need to work as a team to get their colleagues from one end of the course to the other. The only problem is, the colleague is blindfolded! This requires good listening skills, communication skills, judgement and decision-making skills. But can they rise to the challenge?

Business Skills – Are you a budding Entrepreneur? The pupils are challenged to use their financial/numeracy skills as well as their decision-making abilities to effectively manage and run a hotel to maximise profits. Who can make the most money?



Finally, the pupils can consider all the skills they have used throughout the day and pick their top 5! They can enter their top 5 skills into the SDS My World of Work careers tool which will highlight careers that value these skills most and point out subjects that are relevant to these careers. This can be used to inform their subject choices as they move forward in their school career.

TRINITY HIGH 2022-23

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