TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

As the summer break approaches, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been an extraordinary year – not only for the school, but personally, as it marks the end of my first year as Head Teacher at Trinity High School. It has been a privilege to lead this nurturing and ambitious school community. From my very first day as Depute Head Teacher and now as Head Teacher, I have been overwhelmed by the spirit of our young people, the dedication of our staff, and the strength of our partnerships with families.

Our young people have once again shown what can be achieved through hard work, determination, and creativity. Our senior students worked hard in preparation for their National Examinations. As a result of this, we anticipate a strong set of results that reflects all of their efforts. Our Summer School Show "Sister Act" demonstrated the many talents of our young people with fantastic performances from our young actors and crew.

Throughout the year, our young people have thoroughly enjoyed a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities that makes our school so unique. In May, we enjoyed another Trinity High School sunny Sports Day which showcased our talented athletes in S1-S3. Pupil leadership continues to flourish with very high numbers of students providing leadership and service by undertaking Caritas, Duke of Edinburgh, Sports Leadership and Dance Leadership Awards. 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.

Bishop Toal celebrated our Patronal Feast Day Mass, joined by Father Stephen and supported by Deacon Christopher. At the end of the service, our school's tradition of caring for others was recognised through our Lenten Appeal, which raised over £5000 for our chosen charities. In addition, our young people donated over 3000 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 carers for your continued trust and support over the past session. The Parent Teaching Association and Parent Council have been a great support to our school community 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. And to our staff, your commitment to excellence is what makes Trinity High School such a special place. I would like to thank them all and wish them a restful holiday. It would be remiss 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 Wednesday 25th June. We will close the term with mass led by Fr. Stephen and Deacon Christopher at 11am. Mass will be followed by lunch and school will close at 1pm. Our young people will be welcomed back to school on Thursday 14th August.

I wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer. I look forward to welcoming you back in August, ready for another exciting year ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs McArdle

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

As anyone involved in the school show knows, moving up from the role of understudy can be both nervous and exciting. Having been called up from the role of assistant chaplain due to our wonderful chaplain Fr Paul's relocation to Rome, I did have some butterflies in the tummy. Lucky there were two of us - with Deacon Christopher being in tow - and to support us an amazing team of staff and pupils at the mighty Trinity. Since then there have been so many highlights: being the first school in the diocese to welcome the Jubilee cross on our feast day; tree climbing at Gen Hope and hill climbing at Tinto; the hugely enjoyable school show (featuring vestments from the oratory: don't tell the Bishop!) and many a birthday celebration in the crazy RE/HE base.

Throughout it all and in a particular way, Mrs McArdle, the SLT and the RE crew have been a daily source of loyalty, encouragement and fun.

We wish all staff and pupils the safest and happiest of summer holidays: you deserve it!

Fr Stephen and Deacon Christopher

TRINITY TIMES

This has been the second year of the school newspaper - Trinity Times. This year has been a huge success with some fabulous new journalists from all year groups and some interesting new sections - creative writing, games and opinion. The pupils have ran with their creativity and it has been a joy to watch - interviewing staff, documenting school events and sharing their interests such as crafting. Pupils have represented the newspaper at the S1 extracurricular fayre and at the Christmas Fayre. We are all excited to see what the newspaper has in store for next year! https://sites.google.com/

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, 12 August—In-set Day 1

Wednesday, 13 August—In-set Day 2

Thursday, 14 August—Pupils Return

Friday, 15 August—Feast of the Assumption

Thursday, 4 September—UCAS Info Evening

Thursday, 11 September—UCAS Info Evening

Tuesday, 16 September— Senior Awards Ceremony

Friday, 26 September—Holiday

Monday, 29 September—Holiday

Friday 19th October—School closes for October break

WORLD BOOK DAY WRITING COMPETITION

S1 and S2 had the opportunity to enter a writing competition for World Book Day in March - focusing on an "unusual perspective". S1 and S2 were terrific and ran with the ideas - having stories from the perspective of seagulls, rubbers and even the sky! The top prizes went to:

S1 - Christopher Brazenall (1st), Quinn McCulloch (2nd) and Hannah Gaffney (3rd)

S2 - Michael McCadam (1st), Caera Neeson (Joint 2nd), Arinade Adediran (Joint 2nd) and Starlit Peter (3rd)

All winners received a Waterstones Book token and will now be entered into the Young Writers Competition - a national competition with the chance to win up to £100! Here's hoping there are some Trinity winners!

COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Pupils can now help themselves to a pen, pencil, ruler or rubber in the Ready to Learn Trolley by the Breakfast Bar so they can arrive at their Period 1 class fully equipped. Thanks to pupils' feedback on the COSD Survey for this great idea!

SUSTAINABILITY YOUTH FORUM : CONFERENCE OF SCHOOLS 3

The sustainability youth forum have had a very productive 2024/2025. Throughout the year, our Trinity High pupils worked with 10 other secondary schools in the Authority. The group attended meetings at several locations in South Lanarkshire, including council headquarters in Hamilton, and Duncanrig Secondary School.

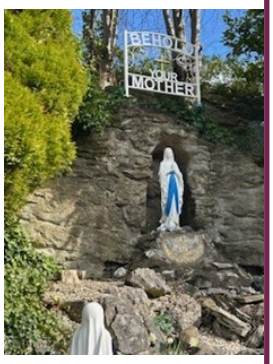
The Trinity High pupils teamed up with a group from Strathaven Academy to present to hundreds of Primary 6/7 pupils, and delivered very successful practical workshops at the three day 'Conference of Schools' event. The team's interactive presentation discussed the importance of planting of trees, and during the workshop all participants made a wild flower seed-bomb to take home to plant. Our sustainability pupils talked to some invited guests at the event, including the SLC Executives, local councillors, and visitors from Education Scotland.

The members of the sustainability youth forum have shown great commitment and worked tirelessly to achieve their targets this year. We were very proud to have longstanding forum group member, Amber Cooper, giving the opening and closing address to all delegates at one of the conference days. Her speech was engaging and inspirational and gained many, many positive comments. Our Trinity High sustainability team were a credit to our school at the event, and planning for next year's targets is already underway!

PASTORAL PLANNING GROUP

Holy Doors Challenge - Pilgrimage

Congratulations to the 12 pupils, Mrs Marks, Mrs Hand and our chaplain, Fr. Stephen who undertook the Holy Doors Challenge on 28th March, to complete the requirements for the Holy Year Plenary Indulgence. They travelled by public transport to all the local Plenary Indulgence sites; the Holy Door at Motherwell Cathedral, the National Shrine at Carfin and St. Andrews Cathedral in Glasgow. It was a most enjoyable, spiritual experience!



Tinto Hill

S1 Tinto Hill Charity Walk took place on 13th May. 8 staff, Fr. Stephen and 50 pupils climbed the hill on a beautiful sunny day! The annual trip raised £1341 for St. Andrew's Hospice.

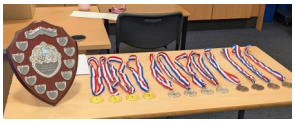
Lenten Charities

This year our Lenten fundraising of over £5000 supported the following charities; SCIAF, Aid to the Church in Need, Comboni Missionaries, Missio Scotland, The Innocents, The Ozanam Centre and SSVP. A huge thank you to all our pupils, staff and parents who without their generosity, this would not be possible. We were able to present monies to each charity at our Patronal Feast Day mass. We were delighted that Bishop Toal was able to celebrate mass with us on Tuesday 17th June in our school.

Generation Hope Camp

This is a 5 Day residential camp packed full of fun activities including canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, zip slide across the loch, archery tag, tree climb, foot golf, football, Frisbee, golf, basketball and more, plus great input from the Generation Hope Ministry Team. Around 20 pupils took part in the 3rd Generation Hope Camp for Trinity, from Monday 2nd June - Friday 6th June. There was daily mass, times of prayer and inspiring talks where pupils had the opportunity to reflect on life and receive the sacrament of reconciliation. A wonderful time was had by all pupils, staff and Fr. Stephen!

P7 MATHS CHALLENGE



On Thursday 8th May we hosted a Primary 7 Maths Challenge for all our associated primaries.

This consisted of 7 stations of maths puzzles and challenges, with teams of 4 pupils from each primary going head to head to crack the puzzles within the time given, to gain points for their school. The school with the most points won the title of "P7 maths champs" and the coveted Trinity High School Maths Champs Shield!

Winners for 2024/2025 were: 1st Place - St Bride's, 2nd Place - St Charles' and 3rd Place - St Anthony's

ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW VISIT

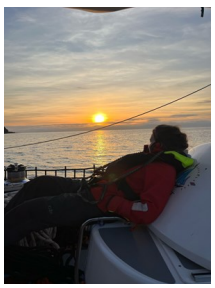
On Thursday 19th June, students studying in the Home Economics department took part in an exciting educational visit to the RHS, where they were a chance to explore the connections between food, farming, and the natural world. As they wandered through the edible gardens and displays, pupils learned more about how fruits, vegetables, and herbs are grown, deepening their understanding of the journey from farm to fork. A highlight of the visit was seeing the wide range of animals—including cows, sheep, chickens, and goats—which helped bring the themes of food production and sustainability to life. The experience supported our focus on food literacy and sparked lots of great conversations about where our food comes from and the importance of caring for both animals and the environment. A fantastic day was had by all.

EQUITY UPDATE—PARTICIPATORY BUGET

We listened to **your** voice in our annual Participatory Budgeting (PB) Process. Over 1000 pupils, staff and parents voted in how to spend some of our Equity budget. The winner was…low cost school trips with over three quarters of the vote.

Pupils have had great days out at the Royal Highland Show, the European Parliament Multilingual Debate at Herriot Watt University, Ocean Youth Trust Sailing Trip, Boswell Book Festival, and year group trips to Glasgow Science Centre, Hollywood Bowl and Showcase Cinema.

Amazing opportunities to represent Trinity and learn and have fun in exciting and diverse locations!



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL 24-25