TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, carers, young people and staff for their continued support throughout the term. Our school community truly thrives because of the collective effort and the way we work together.

Our S4, S5 & S6 young people, together with staff, have worked extremely hard to ensure they are prepared for the forthcoming examination period, both in class and in attending our after-school supported study programme. To further support you, our young people, I encourage you to attend the Easter Revision School which is running the second week of the Easter Holiday.

Our Lenten Appeal is very busy as always, and is running alongside collections for the Local Food Bank. Our young people, parents, carers and staff never fail to amaze us with their generosity. Thank you! We are extremely thankful to have Father Stephen, our School Chaplin, and Father Christopher supporting our school community. As we move towards the end of this academic session, may I take the opportunity to ask for your prayers in remembering those members of our school community - family and friends - who have passed away during this academic year.

This Easter Newsletter will provide you with lots of information regarding the achievements of our amazing young people over this past term from across our school community. I hope you enjoy it!

Wishing you all a Holy Easter and a wonderful break filled with peace, joy, and time spent with loved ones. Please continue to pray for our school and I look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holidays on Monday 20th of April.

Best wishes,

Mrs McArdle

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAINS

Holy Week has proved to be a fitting end to the term, with lots happening across the school, from the S1 Stations of the Cross up to the S6 Leavers' Mass, not to mention the very enjoyable Spanish Mass for Higher and Advanced Higher language students, who read and responded beautifully: ¡ánimo por los exámenes!

There was also definitely a chill vibe around the school thanks to the staff and S6 pupils both trying out meditation during Lent.

Now it's time for a well-earned rest. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised his disciples a peace the world cannot give. Let's enjoy the peace and rest before it all starts again!

Fr Stephen and Fr Christopher

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20th April —Return after Easter break

Monday 4th May—Holiday

Tuesday 19th May—Lower School Awards Ceremony

Monday 25th May—Holiday

Monday 1st June—Pupils return after exams

Thursday 25th June—School closes—1pm

Wednesday 22nd April—SQA Exams start

Thursday 7th May—In-service day

Friday 22nd May - Holiday

Thursday 28th May—Patronal Feast Day Mass

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th June—School show

PASTORAL PLANNING GROUP

At the end of January, Holocaust Memorial week was marked in RE lessons. Pupils reflected on these issues; they learned more about the Holocaust and issues of genocide globally in today's world. A reflection was undertaken by pupils in the Oratory led by Fr Stephen and S6 Caritas pupils.

S1 have enjoyed sponsored walks to raise funds for Lenten Charities, living out our school value – charity! This also encompasses Laudato Si (Year of St Francis) as they enjoy the great outdoors!

S2 were getting creative as they produced Kosher Menus which linked with their Judaism Unit. Pupils enjoyed some interdisciplinary learning as they used their literacy skills, RE knowledge and ideas from home economics as they produced their excellent menus!

S1 class Masses have continued throughout the term. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was available throughout Lent for all pupils. Fr. Stephen offered meditation to all staff each Wednesday in Lent, we are very grateful to him for this. S3 also had the opportunity to experience meditation, and it was a huge hit! Well done, Fr. Stephen - S3 can be a tough audience!

The S4 leaver's Mass was Wednesday 26th March and with the S6 leaver's Mass on Tuesday 31st March, well done to Zac Campbell, S3, for playing the bagpipes at the mass. Many thanks to Fr Stephen and Fr Christopher for giving their time so generously to our pupils and staff.

Our S4 pupils have been undertaking their National 5 award in Religious and Philosophical Questions in RE lessons. This has allowed them to explore issues around the existence of God and to develop their research, writing and analytical skills.

On Friday 27th March S6 Caritas pupils who have been volunteering with Justice and Peace Scotland led a session for S1 pupils on Welcome the Stranger, a SCIAF based activity that simulated the journey of a refugee. We were joined by two members of our local community from EKIN (East Kilbride Integrated Network) who experienced this themselves and who told their stories. This demanded a considerable degree of organisation, and we are very proud of our S6 pupils for their vision and planning of this activity

EQUITY UPDATE

Cost of the School Day

Magic Breakfast: Thank you to all the staff and pupils who contribute to our Magic Breakfast Bar offering hot buttered bagels and toast every morning. Congratulations to our S6 Breakfast Ambassadors, Imogen Miller, Luke Sutherland, Oliver McCormack and Rayaan Ali who delivered a lesson to S1 PSE Classes on the importance of a nutritious breakfast.

Winter Jacket Appeal: We were honoured to receive a visit from Professor Sengupta, Chief Officer for Health and Social Care, who was keen to hear from our pupils about our successful Winter Jacket Appeal. Imogen Miller, S6, and Mollie Monaghan and Brooke Cochran, S3, inspired him with their commitment and creativity to reducing the cost of the school day and improving sustainability.

PB Vote: Each year we ask YOUR opinion on how to spend our Participatory Budget (PB); £8000 of PEF money that we want to use to make our school a fairer and better place. This year a fantastic 641 votes were cast with 489 pupils, 38 staff and 114 parents or carers taking part. The final three options were School Trips, Equipment for Subjects and Chromebooks and ICT. The winner…School Trips with 75% of the vote! We will be organizing these for next term. Thanks to our S5 PB Ambassadors who captured 107 parent votes at the S2 Parents' Evening!

BGE Literacy

Our S1&2 pupils have been working hard on Catch Up Literacy and Paired Reading with S3 Volunteers. For World Book Day, these pupils organized a wonderful session for our staff with babies at Rutherglen Library: enjoyment of reading starts young! The library was so complimentary of our young people and can't wait to have them back.

Attendance and Engagement

Congratulations to Trinity's newest Rugby Team, the School of Hard Knocks. The boys competed in a Rugby Festival at the West of Scotland Rugby Club having committed to specialist coaching this year. They were a credit to the school with their skills and behaviour. They won two, drew one and lost one of their games. Well done, boys!

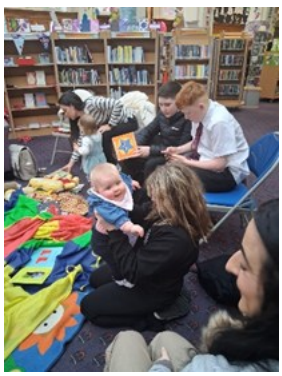
Senior Phase Attainment and Achievement

Another fifty-four young people achieved Level 6 Qualifications in First Aid and in Mental Health working hard on these vital life skills.

Additionally, we had a very successful Supported Study Block in the lead up to the SQA exams. 216 different pupils have attended 608 sessions with 35 different subject & level combinations offered. Well done, everyone! The Easter School Timetable is now on Parent Portal along with a sign-up form: happy studying!

Family Learning

We have been thoroughly enjoying welcoming some of our P7 Families to Trinity for Family Learning. Sessions in Art, Home Economics, PE and Science have helped our young people grow in confidence for their transition to High School in August. Lots more transition activities next term!



SPORTING ENDEAVOURS

Senior football

Made it to the semi final of the caritas cup but lost to St Andrews (Coatbridge).

U16s football

4 points from 4 games in the league. Defeated STAB 4-1.

Knocked out the Scottish in round 2.

through to the semi final of Lanarkshire after winning 4 - 1 vs Duncanrig (Highlight was beating Stonelaw on pens in round 1).

U15s football

Got to Scottish 3rd Round

Lanarkshire 2nd Round

2nd in league section going into last game. Last minute winner for the boys in the league keeping the run going (Faith and Hope in action)

Under 14s football

5th in the league with 3 games remaining

Got knocked out of the Scottish cup third round (3 each after full time - 6 5 on penalties)

Girls football

Our S1/2 girls team qualified for the South West Regional Round 7-a-side tournament, which will take place on the 19th of March in Ayr. The S3/4 team made it through to the playoff, but were unlucky to not progress.

Our S1-3 team won the girls football section of the Tri-school tournament.

We will have our first U14's 11-a-side girls team playing in the Lanarkshire cup in the next couple of weeks (trying to organise a date).

S1 Basketball

S1s made it to the semi final of the Scottish cup and narrowly lost to Queensferry.

They are awaiting to find out who our opponents are for the Regional West final.

S2/3 Basketball

Made it to the semi final of the Regional West Cup

S1 Netball – The S1 team recently participated in the South Lanarkshire Schools Festival, competing against a number of schools from across South Lanarkshire. They performed exceptionally well, winning the majority of their matches. The team is now preparing for their upcoming Full Day Tournament, scheduled to take place in mid-May.

S2 Netball – The S2 team competed in the Scottish Cup and also took part in the S2/S3 South Lanarkshire Schools Festival. During the festival, they faced strong competition from both S2 and S3 teams across the authority, demonstrating excellent commitment and teamwork throughout.

S3 Netball – The S3 team successfully progressed to the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup, where they were unfortunately knocked out after a strong campaign. They also competed in the S2/S3 Festival, playing against a range of teams from across South Lanarkshire.

S3 School of Netball – The S3 School of Netball have recently completed their academy rotation, demonstrating excellent commitment and progress throughout. Over the course of the three-month programme, pupils successfully achieved both their Netball Leaders Award and the On the Whistle Umpiring Award. To conclude the academy, the S3 pupils organised and delivered a Primary School Netball Festival, welcoming all local primary schools to participate in a competitive and enjoyable event. Their leadership, organisation, and enthusiasm ensured the festival was a great success.