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Principal's message

Our Spring term ended with a stunning display of acrobatic dancing and vocal brilliance at *Trinity's Got Talent*, and I'm delighted to see this edition of *Trinity Times* continue the tradition of showcasing our students' talent - in sport, media, music, art, engineering, English, computer science and much more.

Our school is a family, so one person's joy is everyone's joy; we all take delight in the success of the students featured in these pages. Well done to all, and thank you to parents, teachers and support staff for inspiring, coaching and encouraging them.

Our vision at Trinity is *for students that flourish* - who grow and develop in a happy and healthy way. Trinity years are years in which our students discover their talents and work at them; our reward as staff is to see the real happiness that students get when they use their talents in service to others.

So, Trinity students we salute you. We could only squeeze a handful of people into these pages, but there is not one of you who is not brim-full of raw potential and brilliance. Know how good you are, and commit with me to discovering and growing your own God-given talent.

Mr J Winch
Executive Principal



Cambridge offers for

Two talented academics have got the vote of recruiters at one of the country's most prestigious universities.

Jack Parkinson has been offered a place at Cambridge University to read Computer Science. He has dreamt of joining a top university since moving up to secondary school and is now set to join leading academics in his field.

"When I started at Trinity people said I could do it, but I thought I had no chance. I've always wanted to go to a leading academy university and really started to work towards it last year," said Jack.

"I went to summer schools at Oxford and Cambridge and really enjoyed them. They gave me a taste of the way of life there and the people were really down to earth, which I was surprised by."

Jack was especially taken with Cambridge University for its facilities and the city.

"After the summer school I decided I really wanted to go there and I've been focused on that ever since. I'm really

looking forward to being around people who have similar interests to me," he added.

Jack is currently studying four A Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science. He has already gained an A* grade in the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

He went through two interviews and a test to be offered the place at Fitzwilliam College and has to achieve two more A*s and an A grade this summer.

Mr Flint, Head of Sixth Form at Trinity Academy, said: "We are delighted for Jack and will be offering every support we can to ensure he is able to take up his place at Cambridge. He is a very talented scientist and mathematician, but he is also extremely committed and hard-working and it's great that has been recognised with his university offer."

Meanwhile, former Trinity Academy student Luke Pike has also been offered a place at Cambridge where he will join Downing College to read History and Politics. Luke has been working as an MP's intern since



top Trinity students

passing his A Levels with flying colours a year early.

Luke achieved A* grades in English Literature, History, Government and Politics, and the EPQ, as well as an A in German the previous summer, before taking a gap year.

Since September he has been working for Andrea Jenkyns, MP for Morley and Outwood, who unseated Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls in the 2015 General Election, and spent his weekends up to Christmas on his university application and admissions test and interview preparation.

Luke travels by train for two hours each morning from his

home in Thorne to reach the MP's constituency office in Morley, and completes the same journey at 6pm each evening; time which he used to write his personal statement for university.

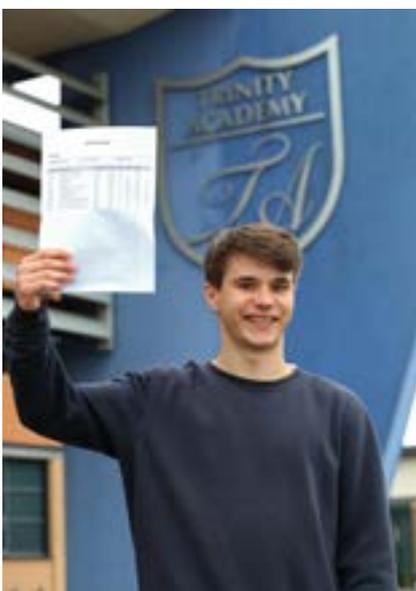
He said: "No two days are the same because no two individuals are the same. As a public office, our work revolves around the constituents we serve. It's rewarding and eye opening work."

After he completes his internship in May, Luke is jetting off to the USA to work as a summer camp counsellor and soccer coach in Maine, after which he plans to travel coast-to-coast, visiting major cities and national parks.

TOP LEFT: Trinity Academy student Jack Parkinson, who has been offered a place to read computer science at Cambridge University.

TOP RIGHT: Former Trinity Academy student Luke Pike, pictured on the terrace at the Palace of Westminster during his internship with MP Andrea Jenkyns, before he takes up his place at Cambridge University.

LEFT: Luke Pike celebrates collecting his top A Level results last summer.



Promising art students reap rewards for hard work

Some of Trinity's youngest art students enjoyed a trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park after demonstrating exceptional talent for the subject during their first year at the Academy.

Undeterred by the wet weather and high volume of mud, the 28 Year 8 students viewed outdoor sculptures by Tony Cragg, Zak Ove and Barbara Hepworth, before walking through the cow fields to the Longside Gallery where they spent an hour drawing their own artworks.

Art teacher Mrs Horsfield, who accompanied the students along with fellow staff members Mrs Dallet, Miss Lloyd and Mr Stockey, said that it had been a successful visit - in spite of the miserable conditions. "It did finally stop raining, long enough for everyone to buy ice creams and lollies", she added, "but then it started raining again!"



Albert Hall debut for Trinity performers

Trinity students hit a high note in their musical careers after getting the chance to play in the magnificent surroundings of the Royal Albert Hall in London.



The group were selected along with other students of a high musical standard to take part in the Music for Youth Proms, which took place in November.

Guitarists James-Daniel Baines, Billy Astill, Macey Teo and Jackson McIntyre, pianists Leon Chen and Heather Phillipson, and drummer Harry Phillipson were put forward by music teacher Mrs Shepherd in the summer.

The students took part in a series of rehearsals organised by Doncaster Music Education Hub before the event. In London, they joined around 50 musicians and 150 singers from the Doncaster area to perform 'Jazz Journeys', an original composition created by acclaimed Sheffield-based composer Chris Noble and Doncaster Trombonist Dennis Rollins, with input from the young people.

In total, around 700 young people from the four South Yorkshire Music Education Hubs took part, performing before an audience of 6,000 people.

Macey said: "Our ensemble looked to be the youngest but I think we were really good."

Leon added: "We got to play different styles of jazz including groove, bossa, funk and boogaloo, which was great."

Billy added: "The acoustics of the Royal Albert Hall were phenomenal and there was a really good atmosphere."

Mrs Shepherd said: "All the musicians we put forward play to a very high standard and are very dedicated to their music, with James-Daniel and Harry currently studying it at A Level and all of them contributing to academy events.

"I believe this is the first time the academy has taken part in the Music for Youth Proms and it was a great honour and opportunity for our students to be invited to play."

Paul Davies, Music Hub manager, added: "Twelve months of rehearsals and planning was well rewarded with a truly spectacular musical showcase. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the young musicians/singers and their parents/teachers and our Music Hub partners from South Yorkshire for supporting this momentous achievement."

Media stars of the future visit BBC studios



Ten Trinity Academy students from Years 7 to 13 joined pupils from several schools from across the north of England in learning how to enhance their digital and journalistic skills, as part of the BBC's national School Report News Day on Thursday 15th March.

The students were given advice on securing careers in the media; lessons on how to use smartphones to create professional standard videos; sports reporting, producing and presenting; and they even got to road test the BBC's newly-launched 'iReporter' fake news game.

Highlights for the older students included meeting BBC Breakfast presenter Roger Johnson and watching BBC Sports presenters Hugh Woosencroft and John Watson in action. Meanwhile, the younger pupils were thrilled to be addressed by Blue Peter presenter Radzi Chinyanganya on how he made it into broadcasting through sheer determination and hard work.

BBC crews were filming throughout the day, and some of the Trinity students even made it onto screen that evening as part of a feature on the 6.30pm 'North West Tonight' programme (Manchester's equivalent of Yorkshire's BBC 'Look North'), when presenter John Watson joked that Cara Dolby and Konna Kerrigan's sports bulletin was so good, he felt his job might be

under threat from them.

Liam Sutton (16) is now considering news producing as a possible career. "I really enjoyed the day as it gave me a crucial insight into a career I'm interested in," he said. "All the staff were really helpful and answered every question I had." Cara Dolby (16) added: "I was very nervous about presenting, but it was a lot of fun and it was great to be around so many professionals."

Media Studies teacher Mrs Backhouse, who organises Trinity's involvement with School Report each year, said: "This was a unique opportunity for our students to really understand how a top media organisation like the BBC operates, and it gave them all practical experience in a range of skills that will benefit them in the future, whatever career path they decide to take." She added: "It was the first year that BBC School Report has been extended to include sixth formers, so it was also really useful practical experience for two of our Year 13 students who will be going on to university in September to read Media and Journalism."



Girls inspired by Toyota visit

Some of Trinity's female students have been driving forward their future careers after taking part in an Automotive Apprenticeship day at the Toyota Academy.



Nine girls joined other schools' staff and students as guests of Sheffield-based company Gaia Innovation Ltd to learn about apprenticeships in the automotive industry.

The event was designed to encourage them to consider both technical and non-technical roles in a STEM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) industry.

The girls were given a tour of Toyota's manufacturing plant and took part in sessions featuring informative presentations, interactive activities and workshops.

Gaia Innovation and Toyota GB are both members of the UK Automotive 30% Club, a group of progressive companies related to the automotive sector that are working to close the gender gap in their businesses.

Trinity Academy student Emily Christie said: "Today has changed the way I view apprenticeships in the automotive industry. I have learned how vehicles work and what is behind the scenes during the manufacturing process."

Teacher Mr Walton, who accompanied the students, said: "A highlight for the students was being able to operate robots during the system training workshop and to be able to get up close to the future of automotive technology with the hydrogen-powered car, the Mirai. "The visit was a great opportunity for our female students to understand the breadth of roles available to them."

Robin Giles, director of HR & Corporate Operations at Toyota GB, added: "It was fantastic to see the group of schoolgirls gradually learning and discovering the world of apprenticeships at Toyota. I believe they have gone away with a different perception of what opportunities are available for them and hope they will consider this in the future."

The event closed with a speech from Julia Muir, CEO of Gaia Innovation and founder of the UK Automotive 30% Club, who told the girls about the need to equip themselves with the necessary personal, social and technology skills for working in the machine and robot-dominated fourth Industrial Revolution.





Generous donation from local motor firm

A Doncaster motor firm has made an outstanding contribution to Trinity Academy that will benefit our students for years to come.

Motorhog, the UK's largest combined vehicle salvage disposal and recycling company, kindly agreed to donate a motor car to the academy's Motor Vehicle Technology department, which will have a massive and beneficial impact on the students' learning.

Technology teacher Mr Kendell welcomed the donation from the company's site at Adwick le Street, saying: "In times of limited resources and funding to schools, contributions such as this make a massive difference in what is available to our students.

"I was humbled and immensely grateful for the enormous contribution that student Paddy Trimmingham and his father Pete have made to our department and to Trinity. This has saved us several hundreds of pounds and, importantly, we have made a valuable contact in industry.

"Paddy's agriculture and engineering skills shone through with him organising the loading and securing of the vehicle, and I was truly impressed by the outstanding effort he put in throughout the whole process."

As a continuing reminder of Motorhog's generosity and in recognition of their contribution, they will be added to Trinity's 'Donor Honour Wall' in the format of a large photo which will display the students utilising the vehicle for their learning.



'Big' activities in the Library - not just for Year 6!

The Year 6 open evening saw the library become a hive of activity with free personalised bookmarks for visiting Year 6 students plus the chance to create "dream jars" from Roald Dahl's *BFG*.

But the talking point of the night in the library was the big (very big!) versions of Boggle and Scrabble. In fact, they were so popular that several of our student librarians played them before and after the event and they were brought back into action when the extra-curricular board games club launched (along with a few other big surprises).

Mrs Smith
Library Manager



Sports Awards



ABOVE: Athlete of the year Ajay Scott, one of the top performers recognised at Trinity Academy's annual Sports Awards Evening.

TOP RIGHT: Sporting stars (L-R), cricketer of the year Jamie Johnson; Thomas Easen, winner of the outstanding contribution award; rugby player of the year David Moores; and netball player of the year Amy Wilcox.

BELOW: Trinity Academy's Year 8 netball team, who won the Team of the Year award and have since gone on to be crowned Doncaster Schools netball champions 2018.



Players and performers on the pitch, court and track have been recognised for their contribution to the sporting life of Trinity Academy in the school's annual presentation evening to celebrate the achievements of its sporting stars.

Head of PE Miss O'Brien said: "Our Sports Awards Evening is when we celebrate our victories, reflect on our defeats and consider all the experiences we have gained. Our students continue to be great ambassadors and we as staff are proud to have them represent the academy. Their commitment, enthusiasm and sheer determination never cease to amaze us."

Miss O'Brien said all the students invited to the presentation had made a contribution to the various squads fielded by the academy throughout the last academic year. She added: "I would like to thank everyone for their contribution whether it be as a member of staff putting in relentless hours and sharing your expertise, parents who serve as the biggest support act and, of course, the students themselves who make our job as PE teachers even more rewarding."

Awards were handed out to the players of the year in netball, rugby, hockey, rounders, athletics, football and cricket, and trophies were presented to the overall top performer in each sport. The Year 8 netball team was recognised as team of the year, along with Thomas Easen, the first winner of a new award for outstanding contribution. The prestigious Barry Marks Award went to Abigail Ball for embodying the core values of the academy, playing in every team available to her and for coaching and umpiring even when she was injured.

Mr D Potts, Director of Key Stage 4, paid tribute to ex-Trinity students Matthew Taylor and Richard Barrass, members of Goole Rugby Club who won the RFU Junior Vase in their first national final at Twickenham in May; Owen Taylor who is now refereeing at national level; and current students David Moores, who played rugby for Yorkshire last year, and Thomas Easen, of Doncaster Rovers. Athletes Alix Young, Archie Taylor and Kane Manners were also recognised for their performances at the Doncaster Schools Athletics Championships.



ESF Olympics



Trinity Academy staged the Emmanuel Schools Foundation's annual sporting spectacular with Years 7-10 and sixth formers competing at hockey, rugby, football, netball, volleyball and cross-country.

The event brought together ESF's four schools - Trinity; Emmanuel College, Gateshead; The King's Academy, Coulby Newham; and Bede Academy, Blyth - in a festival of athleticism and healthy competition. The ESF 'Olympics' began 15 year ago to enhance relations among students and staff of schools geographically miles apart.

Executive Principal Mr Winch told students: "You are going to play hard today, you are going to play tough, but, win or lose, you will treat each other with the utmost respect and forge friendships that will last a lifetime." Trinity's head of sport and organiser of the competition Katie O'Brien added: "It's an absolute pleasure to organise the event, to see so many sports going on and the passion students have for their chosen disciplines, all competing fiercely but in the knowledge they are part of the same family."

The Olympics crown went to Emmanuel College with Trinity Academy impressive runners-up, Bede in third place and The King's Academy fourth.



UK Maths Challenge success



The numbers added up for two young mathematicians who can count themselves among the top six per cent in the country following a national challenge.

Jay Green, 16, and Jack Parkinson, 18, who live in the same street in Moorends, did so well in the first round of the Senior Mathematics Challenge that they were invited to take part in the next round, the Senior Kangaroo.

Taken in school under exam conditions, the Senior Kangaroo paper allows students in the UK to test themselves on questions set for the best school-aged mathematicians from across Europe and beyond.

Thousands of young people across the country compete in the annual Mathematics Challenge, which is run by the UK Mathematics Trust.

For Jack, who has an offer of a place at Cambridge University, the challenge was good preparation. "Challenges where you have to apply your knowledge and work things out against the clock are useful," he said.

Jay added: "It required critical thinking as well as good maths skills. The methods you had to draw on to answer the questions were complex so you needed to know shortcuts, as well as having the ability to work fast, to do well."

Harrison earns place in England pool team



A young pool player is lining up a career in the sport after getting the cue to compete for his country.

Harrison Gutteridge (10 Scott) is aiming to turn the hobby he started as an eight-year-old schoolboy into a professional career.

After playing in a pub league from the age of 14, he was selected to play for South Yorkshire and then trialled successfully for the England team.

Harrison said: “My dad plays and he used to take me to the Snooker Club in Thorne. I sat on the tables at first, then my dad started teaching me when I was eight. His mate said why didn’t I try out for the county. Getting selected for South Yorkshire meant I could trial for England.”

Harrison has more than held his own against men and women in the pub league and came third in the country at the U15 England trials.

“I should have won but I was a bit nervous in the first games, but it was still brilliant to get selected,” he added.

The opportunity means Harrison will get to play overseas for his country this year.

Giving an insight into the game, he said: “It’s not all about potting. You need to be able to control your white ball for the next shot. You’ve got to be thinking two or three shots ahead and I think that’s how I’ve done quite well.”

An admirer of snooker star Ronnie Sullivan, Harrison is hoping to turn professional in a few years’ time and is investing all his spare time in the game, playing in the pub pool league every Wednesday and for South Yorkshire every last Sunday of the month.

Promising player’s hopes for national squad

One of Trinity Academy’s sporting sixth formers is hoping to line up with England when the rugby league U19 European Championship returns in 2018.

Jordan Bull (13 Cole) was selected to play for England last year and is now hoping to be picked for the squad to play in Serbia in late summer.

He is currently studying for A Levels in English, History and Sport, combining his academic life with playing for Castleford in the National Conference League Division One. Last autumn he was part of the England youth team that beat Wales and Scotland after he was selected, with a squad of 20 from 250 players taking part in trials.

Jordan started playing when he was six, encouraged by his uncle Martin Rowlands, who is a former player and a coach. After playing for Moorends, Jordan moved to Doncaster Toll Bar then Askern Lions, finally moving to Castleford three years ago.

“The aim is to play professionally but I’m also planning to go to university to study Sports Science, either at Loughborough or Leeds Beckett, where I hope to carry on playing,” said Jordan. “I’m not the quickest but people tell me I can read a game well, predicting play before it happens and putting myself in the right position. I’m really hoping to be chosen to play for England in Serbia.”



Young fighter in Team GB bid



A petite Trinity student is punching above her weight to prove she can fight with the best in Europe.

Latisha Garbett (8 Cairns) was Yorkshire taekwondo champion in 2016 and has now added a silver medal from the British national championships to her haul of prizes.

Her most successful year to date also saw her gain a bronze medal in trials for Team GB.

Latisha fought in Holland, Austria, Brussels and London in 2017 and will add Germany to her European competitions this year.

A red-black belt, she explained that her mum encouraged her to take up taekwondo.

“I was quiet and a bit timid so she looked around for something that might help build my confidence. I was nervous at first but I ended up winning my first competition, so that spurred me on to do more,” said Latisha.

“I really like fighting. It has built my confidence and if I don’t win it just makes me want to try again.”

Latisha trains with Ultimate in Armthorpe, often against older teammates.

“You need good flexibility, which I have from when I used to dance. Training with people who are taller and more experienced makes me a better fighter I think,” she added.

After losing by only two points to last year’s European bronze medallist, Latisha is going into her final year in the cadets category aiming to win the competition to secure a place in Team GB.

Latisha is a quiet, unassuming student who clearly comes into her own when she’s fighting. We hope she continues to be successful into 2018.



House Events

The Year 13 BTEC sport class organised and ran the annual House Cross Country, which kicked off the sporting strand of this year’s Trinity Academy House events.

On the day of the event, 88 participants from all three houses braved the windy weather conditions. A huge well done to all participants that took part in the event, and a thank-you to all Year 12 students who volunteered to steward on the day.

Other House events that have taken place so far this year included House Photography, Trinity’s Got Talent (featuring ‘Wrong Direction’) and the Battle of the Bands.

Still to come in the summer term are the Great Trinity Bake Off, Sports Day and House Fishing, so there is still all to play for!



Lions tour 2017-18

2017-18 was a record year for Trinity Academy in terms of the number of players who were selected to represent the ESF Lions. In total, nine boys were selected as part of the 24-man squad, which is made up of the best Year 11 rugby players from Emmanuel College, The Kings Academy, Bede Academy and Trinity.



Trinity's Lions were: David Moores, who plays for Yorkshire and was team captain, Cameron Day, Thomas Graves, Reece Green, Archie Leech, Matthew Poulston, Reid Pugh and Bevan Robson. Jake Dewsnap was also part of the squad but was unable to play due to injury.

Sandwiched in between all of the rugby training and fixtures were opportunities for the boys to gain new experiences and bond with each other. They were able to participate in Dragon Boating on Derwent Water, Gill Scrambling and some ten-pin bowling. All of these experiences combined served to make this group of players a very tight knit and cohesive unit. The atmosphere amongst the boys was superb and we hope that as well as a fantastic rugby experience that they have made some new friends with people who speak with a different accent.

After the last game against Keswick Rugby Club some special

awards were made. David Moores was named not only as Trinity player of the tour but also overall Lion of the tour, not just because of his exceptional performances on the pitch, but more importantly because of his ability to motivate and lead others and to bring together a team. David said: "It's been really good. We had a great set of players and although we're all from different schools we gelled really well. They were tough games but I was pleased with the performances." Thomas Graves was awarded Trinity's Lion of the tour.

Despite losing the three games, the Lions can be proud of their performances and team spirit and ethic. The tour was a very enjoyable and memorable experience for both the players and the staff who accompanied them. The Trinity Lions all made very positive contributions and were a credit to the academy. Hopefully they have grown as rugby players and people due to their experiences.

Front cover image: Year 9 netball team, Doncaster Schools champions 2018