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Former Trinity student - and now professional cyclist - Connor Swift was crowned British Road Nationals Champion this month. See page 4.





## Principal's message

At Trinity Academy we have a vision for *flourishing*. That means living life to the full as we were created to do: *happy* as well as successful. So what is the secret to happiness?

Happiness is the overflow of a thankful heart.

When we realise that everything we are and everything we have is a gift then we take delight in it. In our 'gimme' culture, a thankful heart is a rare and precious thing - but to own one is to be happy!

This year ESF students are heading out again together to Africa to work with children who have next to nothing - in some cases not even their health. Each year our students have returned amazed: "How is it that these African children, who are the poorest of the poor, are so *happy*?!"

The answer is that they are *thankful*: for one another, their food, the sun in the sky, friends from Yorkshire come thousands of miles to visit them, a God who loves them and takes care of them. They know we're not entitled to these things; they're a gift!

Enjoy this latest edition of *Trinity Times*. It's great to see so much success from Trinity - and former-Trinity - students. But let it remind us of how much we have to be thankful for: our health and strength, our gifts and talents, inspirational friends and teachers - and the gift of education.

Warmly yours,  
**Jonathan Winch**

## Sixth Formers say farewell



In what has become a firm Trinity tradition, our Year 13 students said farewell to the academy - and to each other - in a moving celebration of their successes.

A formal assembly marked the start of their final day, with a leavers' barbecue in the afternoon and finally a procession through the 'guard of honour', formed by the Year 12 students and members of staff.

The majority of the Year 13 leavers have been at Trinity Academy since Year 7, and they spent time during the day reflecting on their experiences. Jack Parkinson credited the

school for helping him to secure a place at Cambridge University, saying: "Staff constantly gave me the message that you can do it if you try hard enough; it is achievable." Meanwhile, Head Girl Francesca Middleton paid tribute to "all the supportive teachers who have given me help whenever I needed it."

Mr Flint, Director of Sixth Form, gave a heartfelt speech, paying tribute to the students' impressive work ethic and contribution to wider academy life. Speaking after the event, he added: "Amongst all the emotion it was inherently clear that Trinity has added so much value to each and every student."





# Publishing success for young writers

Young writers are about to become published authors after their work was selected for an anthology of short stories.

In the first year that Trinity Academy has put forward work in a national challenge to encourage young people to put pen to paper, 79 students have had their writing selected.

Entitled *Stranger Sagas*, their challenge was to write a story of no more than 100 words based on their choice from prompts that included: “The sun was blazing; I took out the map; I must be close...” and “I got off the plane; the terminal was empty...”.

The opportunity for 11 to 18-year-olds has now inspired some in Years 8 and 9 to continue writing in their spare time.

Student Jack Long said: “I enjoyed inventing my story and I would like to carry on doing it as a hobby.”

Owen Thorpe was so enthusiastic he wrote two entries, both of which are being published.

Explaining her plot, Freya Burkenshaw said: “It was about a man in the desert who had to find a lizard that would take him down through history.”

John Ricketts’ story was set in a basement. “It’s an alternate reality in a backwards dimension and the characters have to see if they can get back,” he explained.

In Julian Disney’s short story, Earth is an egg which explodes to reveal a giant bird inside.

Literacy coordinator at the academy Ms Every said: “This is the first year we have entered the Young Writers project and I’m delighted that so many students will get to see their work in print.

“They came up with some amazing and imaginative ideas and worked really hard to write to the word limit, making sure every word counted.”

## World Book Door competition

This exciting new house competition was introduced with the aim of getting people to talk about books, read books and share their love of books.

The competition was a resounding success, and the creative flair and ingenuity of tutor groups resulted in classroom doors that were worthy of a place in any art exhibition!

World Book Day often passes most people by, but here at Trinity we know the importance reading plays in the education, life experience and imagination of all, and what better way to celebrate the power of books than whetting the appetites of budding readers with a book door?

Mrs Smyth and I found it difficult to choose one winner, and our Year 12 house captains did an amazing job of promoting their house entries. However, we were forced to choose and choose we did. The winners were: 1st place - 10 Hill (*The Great Gatsby*), 2nd place - 9 Ramsden (*Jekyll and Hyde*), 3rd place - 10 Mornington (*Northern Lights*).

The competition doesn’t end here: doors will be decorated next year, and the competition will begin again!

*Mrs Jagger  
Head of English*



# Former student achieves national victory

A former Trinity Academy student who bounced back from a horrific crash to race with one of the country's top cycling teams was delighted to compete on home ground in May's Tour de Yorkshire. And now Connor Swift has been crowned British National Champion after a thrilling victory in the UK road cycling competition.



Connor Swift (22), of Moorends, was inspired to take up the sport by his teachers at Trinity who encouraged him to take part in a Doncaster schools triathlon event when he was just 13. "It was the first time I'd ever thought about cycling," Connor said. "We didn't need to take any kit or anything - we just jumped straight on the bikes after the swim. A week later my PE teacher told me that I'd won the whole event!"

Connor has spent the past four years focused on building a career in the sport. His ambitions to join a professional team suffered a hitch in June 2016 though when, on his way to a local 10-mile time trial race, he hit a stationary van at almost 30mph, sustaining multiple injuries and requiring weeks of hospital treatment and physiotherapy. Connor's determination never wavered, however, and within six weeks he was back on the road, racking up a win and several other good results. This, and his previous strong performances, helped him secure a contract with professional road cycling team Madison Genesis last year.

In this year's Tour de Yorkshire,

Connor took a commendable 54th place. His best day of the four was Stage 3 on the Saturday where he gained an incredible 6th place overall out of more than 130 riders, closely matched by 12th place in Stage 1, which passed through Sykehouse, Fishlake, Stainforth and Hatfield.

Just a few weeks after his success in that event, Connor went on to beat top British riders including Mark Cavendish and Ed Clancy to claim a memorable victory in the men's road race at the British National Championships in Northumberland (*photo, top left, courtesy of Larry Hickmott/Velo UK*). "It's a dream come true," he said after the race.

Looking ahead to the future, Connor remains focused on being the best he can be. He plans to step up to pro-Continental level or higher within the next two years, and will then return to competing in triathlons in around 10 years' time. He will always, however, be grateful for the opportunity offered to him as a young Trinity student, reflecting: "If I hadn't been given the chance to do that first triathlon, I wouldn't be where I am today!"

## Silver medallist returns



Commonwealth medallist Jarvis Parkinson returned to his old school to speak at our annual Prizegiving event on 3rd July and to inspire staff, students and guests with his philosophy for life.

The swimmer is the pride of Trinity Academy after fulfilling a mission to make a name for himself on the international stage.

Jarvis, of Hatfield Woodhouse, made the dream start to his senior career on Australia's Gold Coast, helping the men's 4x100m freestyle team take the silver medal on day two of the Commonwealth Games. The 19-year-old then followed it up with a second silver medal in the team 4x200m event in his Team England debut. Although he didn't medal in the individual 200m medley, he remains reigning British champion in the event.

Five years ago, as a Trinity student, Jarvis had his sights set on the 2022 Olympic Games, an ambition that he looks increasingly likely to achieve. Then aged just 15, he was the U15 British record holder in the 200m

medley and came away from the ASA British Championships with three gold medals, two silver and two bronze, which qualified him for the 2013 School Games.

Jarvis, who trained with Doncaster Dartes, started swimming competitively at the age of eight and as a 15-year-old got up at 4am each weekday to start two hours of training before school. At that time, he did nine two-hour training sessions in the pool and three gym sessions per week. He said: "Half way through really hard sessions you do think 'why am I doing this?' but then you get to the Nationals and win three gold medals and a British record. I enjoy winning, and that keeps me going."

Jarvis, who has two younger siblings who are still at Trinity Academy, went on from those early successes to win a silver medal in the European Games in Baku in 2015.

He is not complacent, however. During his interview with Head Girl Jasmine Wood at the Prizegiving ceremony (pictured), he told the audience: "I won't stop until I win gold!"

## Fantastic result in junior maths challenge

More than 100 students in Years 7 and 8 took part in the annual UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge in April.

Students have 60 minutes to answer 25 varied mathematical problems. The questions are designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. Overall, students were awarded four Bronze, six Silver and one Gold certificates.

Georgia Gilbert (below) in Year 7 scored a total of 81, giving her the highest mark in the school and putting her just one mark off being in the top 10% of entrants nationally. A fantastic result.



*Test yourself with the following example question from the challenge - remember to show your workings!*

Between them, the two five-digit integers (whole numbers)  $M$  and  $N$  contain all ten digits from 0 to 9. What is the least possible difference between  $M$  and  $N$ ?

a) 123 b) 247 c) 427 d) 472 e) 742

Turn to page 7 for the answer.

# Revision residential for Year 11 students

More than 30 Year 11 students and four members of staff left Trinity Academy on 4th April to travel to Kingswood Residential Centre in the Dearne Valley for two days of revision and team building exercises.



On arrival, in the pouring rain, we were allocated our dormitories and were soon ready for the first activity. For two of the teams this was Buggy Building and for the other two Jacob's Ladder. For the buggy building, think of Fred Flintstone's car (if you are old enough) and you'll have a pretty good idea. By the time we had finished this activity, we were all soaking wet and covered in mud so it was back to the dorms to clean up before dinner. Some students (who shall remain nameless) thought the food was inedible, but most found it OK.

In the evening we had a singing quiz in the tipi. We were supposed to have a campfire but it was rained off.

Wednesday dawned sunny, thank goodness, and after breakfast we went into group sessions to learn more about how we thought and effective strategies for revision. After the break, it was intensive sessions with Trinity staff.

After lunch, we gathered again in the tipi and Mrs Piercey led a brilliant session which included carrying Coke tins threaded on

straws between the teeth of two people and gathering as many clothes pegs as we could for our team in an updated form of British Bulldog.

We then gathered in our groups again for problem-solving activities which included balancing a giant seesaw by distributing the weight of our team evenly and crossing Charlotte's Web without touching the ropes.

After tea we set up a fashion show, using rubbish for outfits. Great ingenuity was shown by the teams as they had to match costumes with music and a back story. A late night Easter Egg hunt followed for the winning team and I think most of us were glad to get to bed. On Friday after breakfast, we did some more work on revision strategies and then our teams completed the opposite activity to what they had done on Wednesday afternoon.

We arrived back at Trinity, filthy, with clothes full of mud and most of us desperate for our beds, but a good time was had by all.

*Mrs K. Moore*

## Students aim to help others



Students with a social conscience are aiming to make their contribution to wider society with their career choices following school.

Three girls who are studying for A levels at Trinity Academy have chosen university courses that they hope will lead to jobs supporting charities, the rehabilitation of offenders and those with mental illness.

Faith Bisby has an unconditional offer to read psychology at Lincoln University and eventually hopes to complete a masters researching neuro-degenerative diseases. "I'm really passionate about psychology; it's the one subject I've really connected with," she said. "I have family members, and so do many other people, with degenerative diseases and I feel that if I can contribute towards helping them then I really want to do that."

Emily Staples is also set to read psychology after being offered a place at Leeds University. She will concentrate on forensic psychology and hopes to work in prisons. Emily explained: "I'm in the Access to Leeds programme,

which aims to give people like me an equal chance to access the university. I have to do an online course in preparation for university. I get support from tutors and help with revision skills and have to write a mini dissertation."

Emily is aiming for an A grade and two Bs in her psychology, English literature and history A levels to secure her place.

Christie Charnley was unsure about her career choice but her organisational and leadership skills have taken her towards studying events management at Northumbria or Manchester, based on gaining two A grades and a B in her English literature, history and art A levels. Christie, who completed the National Citizen Service in 2016, said: "I'm in the School Council and love getting involved in social action for charity and I'd like to do more of that."

Principal Mr Winch said: "Our students are leaders of the future. We learn to lead by learning to serve. Faith, Christie and Emily are doing just that."

## Narnian Virtues Project

The Narnian Virtues Project is a wonderful opportunity to develop our character and reflect on the choices we make.

Students have explored two books from C. S. Lewis's *Narnia* series and have shared the journey with parents, peers and teachers. Ultimately, the project complemented the Academy ethos and our Core Values, so, when we were asked to participate, we jumped at the chance.

However, in true Trinity Academy style, we wanted to take Narnia out of the book and into other areas of the school, so we bought a wardrobe and challenged our student librarians and sixth form leaders to turn the ordinary, wooden wardrobe into a Narnian doorway.

The commitment of this hardworking and industrious group paid off. Led by Christie Charnley, Faith Bisby and Emily Staples, the group painted, decorated, glued, cut, glittered and nailed until the wardrobe was transformed.



The answer to the maths question is: b) 247

# Students rise to the Three Peaks challenge

Intrepid Trinity Academy students and staff returned to school on Monday 11th June with aching feet, but a real sense of achievement, after completing the Three Peaks challenge.



Forty students - most from Year 10 but some from the Sixth Form - attempted the challenge on a bright and sunny Saturday, walking up (and down) the three peaks of Whernside, Ingleborough and Pen-y-Ghent in West Yorkshire.

All completed at least one peak, 14 completed two, and an impressive 25 students completed all three peaks: Kristopher Asher, Oliver Boothroyd, Lauren Bowater, Amy Butler, Leon Chen, Josh Collen, Jack Farling, Bradley Gannon, Joe Ginty, Ted Green, Jay Green, John Harvey, Luke Keeble, Eric Lopes, Samuel Middleton, Ryan Pentland, Heather Phillipson, Harry Phillipson, Ellie Redmile, Ajay Scott, Harvey Smith, James Taylor, Harrison Taylor, Joe Turner, Maia Wilkinson and Jasmine Wood. Fourteen members of staff also completed

the whole 20-mile course in less than 12 hours.

The Three Peaks challenge is not a race, but even so, congratulations go to Mr J Potts and John Harvey who completed the whole course in just over six hours.

As befits Trinity's ethos, there were many examples of students and members of staff helping each other and encouraging each other throughout the day. A special mention must go to Eric Lopes for his encouragement and for carrying a second backpack as well as his own to help a friend up Pen-y-Ghent, as well as to Miss Mornington whose team expanded throughout the day and eventually numbered 18.

A huge thank you to all the members of staff who helped, without whom the event simply could not have taken place.





## Year 11 celebration

Year 11 students commenced their study leave on Friday 8th June with a special celebratory event.

Students gathered on the playing field to share memories of their time at Trinity. For some this was the last time that they would gather together as a year group as they go off to pursue apprenticeships, employment or other sixth form provision.

Students were treated to a barbecue, which had been prepared by the school catering team, and an ice cream. But the real treat came in the form of the entertainment provided which saw staff put on their dancing shoes in a specially choreographed routine by Mrs Cutler. Students were appreciative of the effort that

had gone into preparing this - and of their teachers' variable dancing skills!

Head of Year Mrs Hadwin-Guest had the opportunity to address her year group during the afternoon. Speaking afterwards, she said: "It has been an absolute privilege to take this year group through from Year 8 to Year 11. I have had the pleasure of seeing the students grow into mature, ambitious and determined young adults. I wish all Year 11 students the best of luck for the future and we look forward to welcoming many back in the Sixth Form next year."

The event was a fitting farewell to Year 11. Students enjoyed the occasion and there was a fantastic atmosphere and spirit amongst the group.



# Seaside visit boosts students' learning



Year 10 Geography students visited the Holderness Coast to study the impact of coastal management and tourism on the town of Hornsea.

Throughout the day, students worked in groups to assess how successful the coastal management in place is at protecting the area and consider to what extent Hornsea relies

on tourism for its economic development. Students used a range of techniques to investigate the area from land use surveys to groyne measurements.

At the end of the visit students commented on how they were able to link their learning from the classroom to the features that they had seen on the day.

# Celebration breakfast for 'outstanding' pupils

Staff paid tribute to some outstanding students during a senior academy celebration breakfast.

The event was held for Year 9 students who had been nominated by their teachers or tutors for demonstrating outstanding commitment and conduct throughout this academic year.

Head of year Mrs Hadwin-Guest, assistant vice-principal Mrs Chamberlain, assistant head of year Mrs Foster and director of school improvement and development Mr Ferstenberg all attended the celebration. Speaking afterwards, Mrs Hadwin-Guest commented: "It was an absolute pleasure to share in the students' incredible success and continued hard work in senior academy.

"This was the first of many rewards breakfasts where we intend to continue to acknowledge and share in the successes of Senior Academy students who consistently work hard; this hard work does not go unnoticed."



# Rugby plate final winners



The hard work of Trinity's young rugby players has paid off after they secured silverware in a major competition.

The Year 10 team were disappointed to be beaten in the first round of the South Yorkshire Schools competition.

However, the boys were determined to take advantage of the chance to play in a second competition set up for those knocked out of the cup.

In the South Yorkshire Schools Rugby Plate final, they were convincing winners in a nine-a-side match against Meadowhead School, Sheffield, which ended 88-17 including 16 tries.

Director of Key Stage 4, Mr D Potts, said: "From the outset Trinity played a fast paced and exciting brand of rugby. The boys were able to keep the ball alive and constantly find gaps in the opposition's defence.

"Captain Tom Willey led from the front as captain but was ably assisted by his teammates who all performed well. A massive well done to all of the team."

Tom, who is on the England Rugby Developing Player Programme and

plays for Doncaster Knights, said: "The lads played really well. It was a good end to the season."

The next challenge for the Y10 boys is trials for the Emmanuel Schools Foundation Lions, a squad comprising the best players selected from each of the four ESF sister schools, that will go on tour later this year.

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*PHOTOGRAPH: Victory on a plate: (Back row, L-R) Samuel Milton, Todd Wrigley, Will Marshall, Archie Taylor, Luke Keeble; (front row, L-R) Luke Hammond, Mathew Featherstone, Tyler Wilkinson, Thomas Willey, Eric Lopes, Tom Easen - winners of the South Yorkshire Schools Rugby Plate.*

# Solar system challenge

This summer term saw 7P/SC01 take on the Challenge of the Solar System, where each pupil was tasked with creating a model of the solar system we live in today.

Pupils had to consider location of planets, size, colour and movement around the sun, and were given eight weeks to complete the task.

There were fantastic entries from the whole class: some models lit up whilst others could actually move! Others saw fantastic colouring and unique designs with a variety of materials used to create superb effects. Pupils had put their heart and soul into the project and there was a fantastic effort all round; each member of the class should be proud. However, a special mention goes to the following pupils: William Mcay, Hugh Hamilton Plumb, James Leggott, Mathew Kulawik, Leon Sullivan and Freya Barrass.

The project was aimed at helping students see how models help with understanding difficult concepts in science. It meant that the students had to think not just about the aesthetics of their models but also about the use of models in science and their limitations.

Well done Year 7!

*Miss Mornington*



# Sports day honours closely contested

Competitive spirit raised the bar at Trinity Academy's sports day as young athletes put in determined performances for house honours.



The cream of the academy's sporting talent headed to Keep Moat Stadium for the annual event.

The excitement was heightened in particular in the field events with a new record of 34.10m set by Thomas Easen in the Year 10 javelin, and a record-breaking throw of 11.50m by Kristopher Asher in the Year 10 shot.

The Year 9 boys' high jump also produced a tense contest as Ryan Adams and Liam Fungwe went head-to-head, with Ryan eventually coming out on top at 1.40m.

The girls were not to be outdone, with Year 9 student Alex O'Neill among the winners in the discus with a throw of 14.20m to go with her win in the javelin.

The students also put in top performances on the track, including Eric Lopes who won both the 100m and 200m for Year 10, while Ajay Scott also did the double in the 400m and 800m.

Hannah Stephenson proved herself at sprint and middle distance, taking the Year 9 titles for both

hurdles and 1500m, while Maia Wilkinson displayed talent for both field and track, winning in the Year 10 girls' long jump, high jump and 800m.

Head of PE Mrs Potts said: "It was great to see so many competitive performances, especially in the field events which don't always get a high profile.

"We have some excellent throwers and jumpers at Trinity and they really excelled this year."

*ABOVE: Liam Fungwe competes in an exciting finale to the Year 9 high jump. TOP LEFT: Tyler Wainwright throws 9.60m to win the Year 9 shot. BOTTOM LEFT: Joe Roberts on his way towards winning the Year 9 long jump.*

