



Holy Trinity Academy

Autumn Term 2021

Newsletter



Advent is certainly a time of preparation and patience. This we have had to do in abundance over the past two years in the planning and preparation for the new building extension we have finally been given approval for. I am delighted that we have now been given the green light for the expansion and that we are able to fully utilise the external pitches in a safe manner which hasn't been the case for the past 6 years. The expansion will give us enhanced facilities and exciting opportunities for all our students and in particular our 6th form students as the new building provides them with state-of-the-art facilities to study in.

There has been a slight delay in the commencement of works however and the contractors are looking to complete the works in late September 2022 rather than the start of term in September. One thing we have proven as a community over the past 18 months is that we are adaptable and can rise to any challenge or element of disruption.

On that note we are still following covid guidance and in January, each pupil will be offered two re-usable masks on pupils' return and masks must continue to be worn unless pupils are medically exempt. Testing will take place on Tuesday 4th January at the times sent out via Edulink. A reminder that pupils should still be testing over the holiday period and the guidance has now changed to state that anyone who has been in direct contact with someone who tests positive for Covid doesn't need to self-isolate but must take daily lateral flow tests for seven days, unless they are showing signs of symptoms.

We will keep abreast of any Government announcements and will send out details if they are needed before the start of the new term.

Can I wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and keep yourselves safe.

Angus Neal

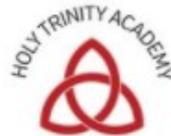
This year we were awarded the prestigious High Performance Learning (HPL) World Class School Award, which recognises the very best schools across the globe.

World Class School 2021

We are delighted to be recognised as a school at the forefront of educational thinking that has met the demanding standards of the HPL Award and fully embraced the HPL philosophy. We have adopted the unique HPL teaching and learning framework to make even greater gains for students by helping them develop the cognitive skills, values, attitudes and attributes they need for academic achievement and success in their future.

Congratulations to HPL World Class School Holy Trinity Academy

"A high degree of intellectual confidence is evident across the school. One exemplification was where Year 8 students, in a mixed ability class, tackled GCSE questions as they were encouraged to venture into areas of learning previously regarded as inappropriate."



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Julia Smith, Assistant Headteacher at the school said:

"We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded World Class School Status. This signifies an important milestone for us; we have been recognised as embedding the HPL philosophy through the school and it is becoming part of our DNA. We continue on our ambitious journey of improvement to secure the very best learning outcomes for all pupils. We will now join the Fellowship of World Class Schools; a community of like-minded educationalists across the world who together drive what it means to be world class. The Fellowship will provide us with new opportunities to continue to raise standards for all of our pupils." If you want to learn more about High Performance Learning, please visit www.highperformancelearning.co.uk

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A big well done to these year 7 & 8 computer science students who achieved the Bebras UK Gold Award certificate for getting into the top 10% nationally. They have received an invitation to take part in round 2!



UK Bebras
Computational
Thinking
Challenge

This year we have continued our enrichment programme, enabling students to realise their potential in a variety of settings beyond the classroom, helping to develop their character, resilience and confidence.



As part of our extensive enrichment programme on Friday afternoons, one of our activities involved litter picking in the local area and several of our willing volunteers are seen here helping to make Priorslee a much cleaner and safer environment.



Pride in *Our*
Community



Among our sporting achievements so far this term are our Y7 girls winning 2-0 against Charlton School in their first friendly football game representing HTA.

A big thank you to Charlton School for hosting us. Great playing and team spirit by both teams.

Badminton - this term our badminton teams have competed in the Telford Schools' Badminton League. After six weeks of stiff competition they made it through to the finals evening held at Telford Langley School on Wednesday 15th December.

The under 16 girls won their semi-final match against Telford Priory but were beaten in the final by Newport Girls High School.

The under 16 boys also won their semi-final against William Brookes but were gracious in defeat, losing in the final to Adams Grammar School.

Congratulations to both our teams for reaching the final stages of the league and for their excellent sportsmanship throughout.

This term has seen the return of competitive netball fixtures for multiple year groups in school and it has been great to see so many girls getting involved and joining other students from local schools sharing their love of the sport. We began the year with Year 7 & 9 attending their respective Telford and Wrekin Tournaments with Year 7 finishing 6th and Year 9 winning their Plate Tournament; great results for both teams.



Students continued to attend regular weekly practices; developing teamwork, skills, tactical knowledge and overall fitness in preparation for fortnightly league fixtures which took place at William Brookes School. The first round of fixtures saw Year 7 winning 2 and drawing 2 matches; leaving them heading into the final fixtures in first place. The second round saw them repeat their unbeaten successes from the beginning of the fixtures, once again winning 2 games and drawing 2.

Our Year 10 team, many of whom have played together since Year 7, began the league strongly winning all of their games and secured promotion for the second round of fixtures. These games proved a little tougher but the girls worked well and persevered; eventually ending with 1 win; 2 draws and 3 losses.



I'd like to congratulate all the girls that have represented HTA this term and hope that they will continue to develop their passion for the sport.

Mrs Proudler

And finally..... Telford Schools' Sports Association Cross Country results revealed some notable successes for students from Holy Trinity Academy this term. Year 7 girls came 11th and 17th out of 80 runners and Year 7 boys finished 5th and 15th overall out of 90 runners including a Team 5th place overall. Year 8 girls saw a 6th place finish out of 50 and Year 8 boys finished 10th & 11th out of 50 runners, also winning a team 5th overall. Years 10 & 11 boys continued the trend with finishes of 9th & 15th out of over 40 runners. Well done to all our students for all of this term's sporting successes.



Brasenose
College
UNIVERSITY of OXFORD

What an amazing way for Year 12 to start their sixth form journey by visiting Brasenose College in Oxford. Their induction began with a tour of the college and a presentation by the Admissions Team about university life, courses, applications and opportunities. During their stay they had a tour of the Oxford Union, a visit to the famous Blackwell's Book Shop and the Oxford Natural History Museum. Their evening there consisted of some fine dining at McDonalds (*other fast-food outlets were available*) and some down-time in the common room. Our students, as always, were a credit to Holy Trinity Academy and we thank Brasenose College for such a welcoming and informative visit which has left our Sixth Form students enthusiastic and inspired as they enter this next chapter of their education.



A virtual remembrance assembly took place across our school in honour of all those who lost their lives in conflict.

There were poems, readings, prayers, the laying of poppies, a minute's silence and further quiet reflection.

We did remember them.



Telford and Wrekin Council have welcomed a number of families from Afghanistan who have fled the capital Kabul and the terrible treatment by the Taliban. These refugees have been granted asylum and safety here.

The resettlement of these families in Telford is well underway and the local authority are asking the local community for help and support. Holy Trinity Academy have pledged to support the resettlement of these families through a collection of much needed resources.



Mr Neal is seen here handing over recently donated suitcases to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a local Christian group, working to support the newly arrived refugees.

Thank you to all who donated a food item during our recent appeal for good causes, supported by the local Anglican Church.

The Rev'd Debbie is seen here collecting the donations made to HTA.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021 ART COMPETITION

FOR ALL TELFORD AND WREKIN STUDENTS



Congratulations to Summer Hinde, Y7, for her 'commendable entry' in the recent Black History Month Art Competition. She is seen here being presented with her prize by Natalie Headley of the Telford African & Afro-Caribbean Resource Centre. All winning and commendable entries were exhibited at Wellington Art Gallery in November.

Well done Summer !



The 'Mini-DASH', a (Catholic) diocesan event brings students together from across the county for workshops (*albeit online at present*) to pray, reflect and participate in activities. This latest workshop focussed on World Homeless Day and the students tried to imagine what it would be like to be homeless. They discussed and analysed issues such as whether to give money directly to the homeless or to channel funds into homeless charities. Each workshop requires a 'mission' and in this case, students discussed and shared what actions they were planning and how they would raise awareness of the plight of the homeless.

May you have the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope
and the peace of His Love at Christmas and always.

