



Dear Parents and Carers

29 March 2017

I would like, first of all, to check how many of you follow our Art department on Twitter. If you don't already please do so without delay! This week Mrs Carrington and Mrs Sinclair have been tweeting pictures of our current Year 10's work and it is absolutely stunning! Don't take my word for it, just go and check out the pictures.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the Year 7 parents who came to Parents' Evening. It was extremely well attended as usual and it was a pleasure to meet so many of you again and hear how well you felt your son had settled. This week we are holding the Year 9 Parents' Evening and this will be followed by our Options Evening on Thursday 27 April. It is a crucial time in a child's education and I hope to meet many of you at the evening. On the subject of options, if you are a Year 8 parent please look out for a very important email today.

I can't help but be a bit jealous of all the boys who are going skiing in Colorado next week. It has some of the best snow in the world and I am sure that they will have an amazing time.

After Easter, however, serious things begin all round. It is literally the last few weeks of preparation for Year 11s and your support and encouragement will be needed, I am sure, over the Easter break to keep them focused. A clear routine really helps and I always advise students to treat the Easter break like a school week. Get up at the same time, do a full day's work with your normal breaks and lunches. If you have a break in your routine because you want to do something specific you then have plenty of available slots to make it up in the evening or at the weekend. The advantage of keeping a routine is that it also gives time to do other things, get some exercise or fresh air, see friends and so on, which are all crucial to their well being and balance.

Easter will also herald the start of the internal exams. Year 10 students will start their mocks on 8 May and Year 7 and Year 8 on 5 June. With the new style GCSE it is absolutely paramount that students are used to taking formal exams and revising large amounts of content. Starting with some revision over Easter will prove very beneficial.

It is all about keeping a balance, however, and remembering to make the time to enjoy friends, family and the communities we live in. Easter is a time for new hope, for rebirth. It's a time of resurrection and I hope that it does bring you all - parents, carers, staff and students - renewed drive, energy and focus. Have a great break.

## YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING – THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017

Reminder that it is Year 9 Parents' Evening tomorrow - Thursday 30 March 2017.

## STEM – UNILEVER BRIGHT IDEAS CHALLENGE



On Thursday 23 March 2017 Max Matthew, Jacob Clayton, Sam Pring, Lewis Collins and Manolis Poniris attended the STEM Unilever Bright Ideas Challenge Celebration and Assessment Day at Hulme Hall, Port Sunlight. Here they presented their STEM project 'Bright Future Soap'. This product was developed and aimed at encouraging children in developing countries to wash their hands and promote better hygiene. They also looked at creating an app to help promote the product and designed colourful packaging. The boys then had to complete a 10 minute presentation to six different representative groups from Unilever. Though tired by the end of the sixth presentation the boys thoroughly enjoyed the challenge.

Mr Burcher

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## VIDEO GAMES

Concerns have been raised by some parents that boys in Year 7 are playing 18 rated video games. Whilst we understand that video games play a big part in boys' social lives, we would like to encourage all parents to be vigilant and check that the games being played by their sons are appropriate for their age, especially during the holidays.

Mr Pryor

## SOUTHPORT MEOLS 'YOUTH SPEAKS' COMPETITION



On Tuesday 21 March 2017, three Year 11 boys, Edward Hammond, Red McCarthy and Daniel Hubbard, took part in this prestigious public speaking competition. They delivered a brilliant speech on 'Brexit – What does it mean for the youth of today?' to an audience of over 100 guests. Despite a fantastic, engaging performance, the boys came runners up to Greenbank High School whose girls deserved to take the trophy home. A massive well done to everyone who took part.

Miss Daly

## SCIENCE QUIZ LEAGUE REMINDER

All KS4 students should complete the latest Show My HomeWork quizzes set by the science department by 31 March 2017. (Physics quizzes set by Mr Woodley). They can also still complete any of the other quizzes set previously, irrespective of deadline.

Ms Flood

## MARCH MATHS CLASS CHAMPIONS

The following boys are the current class champions for their class in maths. Most of these hold the record for the highest module test score.

Mrs Thompson

	U1 Mrs McGarry	U2 Mrs Thompson	U3 Miss Cain	U7 Mrs Woodcock	U8 Mrs Duffy	U9 Mr Marshall	G13 Mrs Brook
Year 7	Joe Rigby	Anthony Waite	Harry Day  Jamie Cook	Lucas Goodman Lee Jones			Joshua Hall
Year 8	Chris Rolfe Jack Greensmith	Leon Elliott	Fasal Patel	Daniel De Mel  Lee Thompson			James Britton
Year 9	Dion Rimmer	Sam Bellamy	Max Matthew	Ben Huyton Meadows		William Howarth	
Year 10	Sam Cooper	Lewis Hill	Stanley Cannon	Callum Jerram	Patrick Bradbury Alessio Francis Rafiq Tennah		

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## PE/SPORTS REPORT

### Birkdale Lancashire School Golf Team



Congratulations to Sam McGlincy (Year 10), Luke Sharrock (Year 11), Henry Maw (Year 8) for fighting off very strong competition at the South Region Team Championship, played at Leigh Golf Club on 27 March 2017. As the winners of the South Region competition we are eligible to go to the final of the English Schools Team Championships on 12 July at Woodhall Spa Golf Club, Lincolnshire.

Mr Moss

### Rugby

Last week the Year 9 and Year 11 Rugby Teams travelled to Rosslyn Park, London for the HSBC National Schools Sevens Competition. All of the top rugby schools in the country competed to become National Sevens Champions.

The results were as follows:

#### Year 11

Lost vs. Sherbourne School 46-0  
Drew Worksop College 26-26  
Won vs. The Ceders School 32-7  
Lost vs. Cardiff High School 28-24  
These results meant that they finished 4<sup>th</sup> in their group.

#### Year 9

Lost vs. RGS, Guilford 34-5  
Lost vs. Ivybridge College 55-0  
Drew vs. Cokethorpe School  
Won vs. Ampleforth College 33-14  
These results meant they finished joint 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group.  
All the pictures and videos from the week can be found on the school twitter feed @BirkdaleHS\_PE Mr Thorne

#### Danny Hyde 11GA

Well done to Danny Hyde, who has been selected to represent Lancashire at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Inter County Tournament (ICT) at Nottingham University on Monday 10 April to Thursday 13 April. The team consists of 5 boys and 5 girls. ICT is the premier junior county team tournament of any age group. It is held over 4 days at Nottingham University. The very best junior players in the country will be on show and it will be contested by up to 40 counties. Consequently it will be very competitive and provide the opportunity to play against many players. Good luck Danny!

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## NEW PEER MENTORS

Nearly 40 Year 7 pupils have applied for the role of Peer Mentor – the standard of applications has been of such a high standard it has made decision making extremely difficult! Many thanks to all pupils who applied to be a Peer Mentor - you should be very proud of yourselves as I can tell that you all put lots of thought and effort into your application considering your skills, personal qualities and what you would bring to this role. The successful candidates will be notified during Friday's registration.

Mrs Nightingale

## JOB VACANCY – EXAM INVIGILATORS

We have vacancies for the post of Examination Invigilator. Applicants must be available for the summer examination season, from the beginning of May to the end of June, and for the mock exam period for 2 weeks in December 2017.

Please ring the school and ask for the Exams Officer, Ms Williams, if you are interested and would like any further information.

Ms Williams



## GREEN MACHINE

Despite requests, only ONE student has brought in green plastic milk bottle tops. These are melted down and made into garden furniture and sold for charity, so please send them in to Mrs. Bradley. Also, please keep bringing in your used postage stamps for The Leprosy Mission, which helps rehabilitate people who are ostracised because of the disease.

If anybody switched their lights off to observe Earth Hour on Saturday, please let me know.

Surely I wasn't the only one!

Mrs Bradley

## CALAIS REFUGEE FUNDRAISER

Kind hearted Year 8 boys in Mrs. Brook's English class felt they wanted to DO something, after studying a blog written by a lady who took left-over umbrellas and tents from a festival to the Calais Refugees and landed up staying there to help them. The opportunity to help was opened up to all in Year 8 and the boys met every week to plan the stalls and challenges, discuss what prizes they were going to donate (we had some amazing prizes including a signed Liverpool shirt and photo) and to make posters advertising the event. Great fun and games were held last Wednesday. Everybody had a great time and £100 was raised!

Warning: if ever you enter a liquorice lace eating competition, you stand NO CHANCE with Mrs Brook around!

Three seconds is all it took for her, but she kindly let the prize go to the boy with a respectable 7 seconds!

Thanks to parents/ carers and staff who baked/ donated cakes for the cake stall.

Mrs Bradley

## SEFTON INCLUSION SERVICE COFFEE MORNINGS

Sefton SEN & Inclusion service are running some coffee mornings for parents of children with social and communication difficulties. Please see attached flyer for details.

Mrs Donker

## FAURE REQUIEM AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – SATURDAY 8 APRIL 2017

On Saturday 8 April 2017 there will be a Come and Sing Faure Requiem at Holy Trinity Church, Southport. It starts at 1.30pm for rehearsals and the performance is at 5.00pm.

The young people of Holy Trinity Church Choir are taking part and we are particularly keen to encourage other young people to join us. All music will be provided. The aim is to work on the piece during the afternoon and then give a performance later in the day. Further details and an application form are attached to this letter.

Yours faithfully

**Mr G Bourgade**  
**Headteacher**

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# SOCIAL COMMUNICATION COFFEE EVENTS

To be held at the  
**Sefton Professional Development Centre, 225 Park Road, Formby, L37 6EW**  
on  
**30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 from 10.00 – 12.00**  
&  
**Together Trust, The L30 Community Centre, Stonyfield, Bootle, L30 0QS**  
on  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 10.00 – 12.00 and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 from 5.00 – 7.00**

Please come along to our informal coffee events and find out more about the support that Together Trust and Sefton Inclusion Service can deliver. The Coffee events will provide parents / carers of children with Social Communication Difficulties an introduction to the service and develop into needs led sessions depending on the requirements of the parents in attendance.

**Professionals attending will include:**

Speech and Language Therapist  
Occupational Therapist  
Educational Psychologist  
Sefton Inclusion Consultant



Please contact the office at the SEN & Inclusion Service to confirm attendance

Telephone: 0151-934-2347 Email: [socialcom@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:socialcom@sefton.gov.uk)

## Future Events

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Full details of our arts programme can be found at [www.trinityartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.trinityartsfestival.org.uk)

Lunchtime Organ Recitals at 1.00pm  
Friday 28th April  
Friday 26th May  
Friday 30th June

Art Exhibition  
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May  
With afternoon concerts on both days starting at 3.00pm

Sing Out!  
Saturday 20th May  
A day specially designed to make singing fun for young people age 8-18.

Intrada Brass & Holy Trinity Choir  
Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm



## Directions, Transport and Parking

For your SatNav the church post code is PR9 0PN.

You will find the church on Hoghton Street, opposite the YMCA

The church is a 10 minute walk from Southport Station. Turn right out of the main entrance and walk for 500 meters to Holy Trinity.

The church is wheelchair accessible. Please contact us if you need special help.

There is very limited parking in front of the church and the Parish Centre. On street parking is controlled by meters until 6.00pm. You may use the car park at Southport College in Church Street which is about a two minute walk from church.



## Holy Trinity, Southport

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# Come and Sing Faure Requiem

Saturday 8th April 2017

Led by Ian Wells and the  
Choir of Holy Trinity

Organist Ian Tracey



# Come and Sing Faure Requiem

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Saturday 8th April  
Programme for the Day

1.30pm Registration  
2.00pm Rehearsal  
4.00pm Refreshment break  
5.00pm Performance

Please note that we will be using the Novello (edited Ratcliffe) edition. Scores will be available to hire at a charge of £1.

The entrance fee includes hot/cold drinks & cake during the break. Please bring your own tea if needed.

There is no dress code for this event

Any questions?

Email [rosemaryjbarton@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryjbarton@gmail.com) or text or telephone 07740 175260

## Applications Forms and Tickets

Application forms can be submitted at the church service on Sundays. Audience tickets are also available then.

Forms may be scanned and emailed to [rosemaryjbarton@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryjbarton@gmail.com) or the information from the form sent in an email to the same address and the form will be completed on your behalf.

Forms may also be sent by post to:

Rosemary Barton, Flat 6, 4 Linnet Lane,  
Liverpool, L17 3BG

## 2017 Booking Form

Name .....

Address .....

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Email address

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Please tick

Soprano	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alto	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tenor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bass	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audience	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fees:

Adult £8.00

Audience £5.00

Free admission for Under 18s/Students

If paying by cheque please make it payable to Trinity Arts Festival. It is possible to send in your booking form and pay on the door on the day in cash.