

Newsflash

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TRINITY LEADERSHIP by Neil Miley, Executive Principal

As you will be aware, Miss Steele has been the Head of School since Ms Thompson started to fulfil a wider role across the Trust. Since returning from maternity leave, Ms Thompson has moved to focus wholly on her Executive Principal role within the Trust. Consequently, I am delighted to announce that Miss Steele has been appointed to the substantive role of Principal at Dixons Trinity Academy.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Steele on her new role. The hard work and commitment Miss Steele and Ms Thompson have shown to all the students and families at DTA is unparalleled and I am thrilled this will continue.

GEOGRAPHY EXPEDITIONS by Mr Hart

It has certainly been a busy term for Geography here at DTA and Geography in general: COP26, Storm Arwen and a free tree being offered to everyone in Wales. The highlight of the academic year so far was taking Year 9 GCSE students to the Holderness Coast in November, where students represented themselves in an exemplary way. We visited Flamborough Head and sketched a variety of physical features including arches, stacks, wave cut platforms and rock pools against a backdrop of blue sky and surprisingly warm November temperatures. In the afternoon we studied coastal management at Hornsea, walking along the beach and navigating over the groynes and rock armour. Unfortunately, we couldn't visit the final sight as the car park had partially fallen into the sea, a clear demonstration that students were at Europe's fastest eroding coastline. Year 10 and Year 11 watch this space for your expedition in 2022.

MACBETH & POETRY LIVE! by Miss Gladwin

The English department are excited to announce a fantastic opportunity for Year 10 and 11 students. On Tuesday the 15 March we will be taking students to watch the tragedy of 'Macbeth', performed live, at Leeds Playhouse!

This is an excellent opportunity to revise Shakespeare's tragedy as well as analyse how it has been performed on stage. Leeds Playhouse have described the performance, in detail, here: 'Driven by his desire to rule, Macbeth does whatever it takes to become king. When three witches reveal their prophecy on the heath, a savage darkness consumes the hearts of the treacherous warrior and his wife. Corruption and an insatiable greed for power lead to death and destruction in Shakespeare's iconic tragedy.'

As an English department, we are also really looking forward to another trip we have planned for the coming year. In early March, we are going to be taking Year 10 to "Poetry Live". This will be held in Bradford at St George's Hall. It will feature some of the poets from the GCSE anthology performing their powerful and thought-provoking poems live.

This will include very familiar names: John Agard, Carol Ann Duffy and Imtiaz Dharker, as well as the current Poet Laureate Simon Armitage.

All these poets are fantastic to see live as their poetry is always performed in an entertaining and enjoyable manner. It's an invaluable experience for our students ahead of their GCSEs - the poets will discuss their backgrounds, influences and what inspired them to write their poems. Furthermore, they will also respond to student questions and discuss how their work connects to and influence other poems in the anthology.

Upcoming Events

Start of Term 3 - Tuesday 4 January (testing only);
Wednesday 5 January (all students)
Y7 Ullswater Expedition - 10-14 January
Y11 Parents' Evening - Thursday 27 January
Y9 Parents' Evening - Thursday 10 February
Trust-wide Training Day - Friday 11 February

Important Reminders

Family Dining - Please remember that the cost of family dining is £11 per week for breakfast and lunch, which should be paid weekly, online.
Drop-in Surgery (every Thurs 8.30 to 9.30am) - a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be available to discuss any issue regarding your child.

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PE UPDATE by Mr Rollinson & Mr Cook

Morning Sports Clubs

Morning sports clubs run each morning from 7:15am – 7:50am. A large number of students have enjoyed increasing their physical activity levels through playing the variety sports on offer each day. As a reminder, please see which clubs run below, students are welcome to turn up and play any time whilst the club is running:

Monday – Y7, Y8 and Y9 Football

Tuesday – Cricket – all year groups

Wednesday – Y10 and Y11 Football

Thursday – Badminton – all year groups

Friday – Basketball – all year groups

Sports Captains

Congratulations to our six newly appointment house sport captains. These students will have an important responsibility in the coming months in helping run tournaments and having input into deciding what extra-curricular sport and physical activity opportunities will be provided.

The Dixons Cup

The annual Dixons Cup competition has officially begun! This year students across the school will be competing against other Dixons schools in Football, Benchball, Badminton, Dodgeball, Basketball, Netball, Tag Rugby, and Rounders. The overall winner at the end of the school year will win the Dixons Cup. Please read below for an update on Dixons Cup performances so far.

Year 7 Girls Football Team - Nine Y7 girls took on the challenge of attending the first Dixons Cup Tournament of the year. A short trip to Dixons City saw the avid competitors take on several Dixons schools in three well fought out football matches. All nine of the girls showed real hard work and determination in every game they played in, displaying the Dixons Trinity values in true style. Every single performance from the girls showed what Trinity is all about. From working as a team to motivate each other, to making no excuses and working hard right until the very end. Even though the victories didn't flood in, they can be so proud of themselves and look forward to improving for the next tournament.

Y9 Mixed Badminton – The Y9 Badminton team competed in the last Dixons Cup tournament of 2021. A trip to Dixons Kings Academy involved all students working their hardest with 6 wins in total being recorded. All students lived our academy values and represented the academy brilliantly through supporting each other when waiting for their game or by working hard in their games against the other schools. All students involved showed promising performances throughout the competition which provides an excellent starting point for future competitions.

Y7 Boys Football Team - Entertaining, exhilarating, extraordinary. Everything you would expect a football tournament to be. Our Y7 boys team triumphed in the Dixons Cup tournament a few weeks back. Battling it out against our fellow Dixons schools, they showed hard work, fairness, and a host of fantastic skills as they played their way to victory. A superb team effort saw the boys win their first game, only to go on and lose their second! However, they bounced back by demonstrating our academy values with elegance and went on unbeaten to take home the overall victory. All nine of them should be so proud with their efforts - a learning curve for all students involved, and a real insight into the success that can come from all the effort they put in at school.

Y9 Boys Football - Our most recent football fixture saw us come up against Dixons City in the BSSSA league. The squad of 13 boys who travelled to the fixture came up against a tough City team and this certainly brought out the best in our students. An exciting first half of football saw the Trinity boys take full autonomy of their performance by designing their own formation and tactics from the offset. Disappointingly, this did not pay off. But, with some adaptations to our tactical approach during the half time break we held our own and put in a superb second half performance to pull several goals back. All in all, it was a brilliant effort from the year 9 boys, leaving them plenty to develop and work on as they progress through the year in the remainder of their BSSSA league fixtures.

MESSAGE FROM MISS STEELE

We would like to wish all our students and their families a restful, peaceful and safe break during the festive season. Our students, as always, have worked very hard this term, especially our Y11 students who have just completed their mock exams. Please remind students to be mindful of their use of Social Media and to be kind to each other over the holidays. Please also be conscious of holiday haircuts, and ensure they are in line with our uniform policy for when students return in January. Take care and we are looking forward to seeing our students back in January, refreshed and ready for the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your support, as always, so far this year.