

# Welcome to Trinity Academy Bradford



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## Meet the Staff

### Nick Gadsby

**Job role:**

Curriculum Leader: EBACC

**How long at TAB:**

Since September 2021

**Why you love your subject:** I love my role as I get to see students succeed in different subjects. I get the pleasure of visiting lessons and seeing some of the excellent work that goes on in them, and how students develop their understanding of concepts and knowledge. I love my subject as Geography is a subject that allows students to understand the complex world we live in, and it is great to see students make connections about different topics we have studied.

**Hobbies:** I enjoy cooking for my family, and I love travelling and seeing different places and cultures.

**Favourite thing about teaching:** I really enjoy when you have a marked a piece of work and students reflect and improve their answer to make them the best they can. Seeing students develop as confident, resilient and articulate learners is a pleasure to see.

**Favourite thing about TAB:**

The students! The students at TAB are a pleasure to teach! They are hardworking, determined and I have really enjoyed teaching them since I first started.

## Mental Health Awareness at TAB

We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week from the 7-13 of February. CMHW highlights the importance of children's mental health and aims to ensure that children and young people have the support that they need so that they don't have to face mental health struggles alone.

We all have a responsibility to ourselves and to each other to care for our mental wellbeing and to know how to support others when their mental wellness is declining. That is why we, as a school, subscribe to GCSEpod for all our Year 10 and Year 11 students.

This is a website which offers help with revision and studying and has lots of resources to help you tackle the workloads that accompany your GCSEs. As well as all the interactive features which make studying less daunting, the site offers some really useful tools that can help you with your mental wellbeing. There are features which can support you in dealing with anxiety and stress, and to guide you through how to cope with the things that happen day to day that can feel completely overwhelming.

It is totally normal to struggle and feel like everything is getting on top of you from time to time, but we, at TAB, would like you all to know that there is support there if you need it. By using the tools available to deal with the stress of school, and day to day life, this will really help with making sure you maintain good mental wellbeing throughout your time with us.

Contact your Year Manager if you have any worries or need extra support.



# Library at TAB



World Book Day is coming up in March! World Book Day aims to inspire and change lives through a love of books and reading.

Not only is reading great for developing reading and English skills, but it also allows us to understand experiences outside of our own, and hear of people and cultures that we would not have otherwise learned about.

Since becoming part of Trinity MAT, the TAB Library has been moved to the English corridor, which is more accessible and convenient for student use. Although the new facilities are in a smaller space, it now feels more relaxed and user friendly.

Lots has improved in the library, with a new selection of books, new titles and old favourites to suit the needs of all. We also use Accelerated Reader and MYON with Years 7, 8 and 9, along with the English department, which has been very beneficial for our students.

Students can use the library before and after school, and during break time. We can also be found within English lessons daily through our mobile library service. This is a great way to use the TAB library, as it doesn't take time out of the students' days. It is particularly helpful to our more reluctant readers who enjoy being able to pick a book with the rest of the class.

Mrs Murphy is always available to help with any Accelerated Reader queries or technical issues. Library staff do not want students missing out on popcorn or the other prizes that they can win through reading!

We will be hosting another short story competition in the near future, so look out for the posters around the academy and information that will be given out during English lessons. There will be new competitions and projects to encourage everyone to read and be involved in the library, so keep your eyes peeled and get involved!

## Sports at TAB

Our students have participated in a lot of exciting sports this term! Despite the cold winter weather, our sports teams have been busy representing our school at a number of different venues.

Our Year 7 football team have played at Trinity Academy Halifax and Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College and against other academy teams. Despite some really great matches, our team lost 4-3 to Trinity Halifax after hitting the bar and having one goal cleared off the line

in the final minute of the match. At Buttershaw we lost 7-6 to the final kick of the match.

We think our team did TAB incredibly proud regardless of the final results. We just know that with more practice and perseverance we will start seeing some winning results very soon!

We have loads more exciting upcoming matches to look forward to! Here is what is happening in the upcoming month:

- 3 March Year 7, Year 10 & 11 Basketball @ BBEC
- 9 March 2.45-4.45pm Year 7 Rugby @ BBEC
- 10 March 2.45-4.45pm Year 7 & 8 Basketball @ BBEC
- 16 March 2.45-4.45pm Year 8 Rugby @ BBEC
- Year 7 Football re-match @ TAHTBC

**Good luck to all of our teams and everyone involved.**

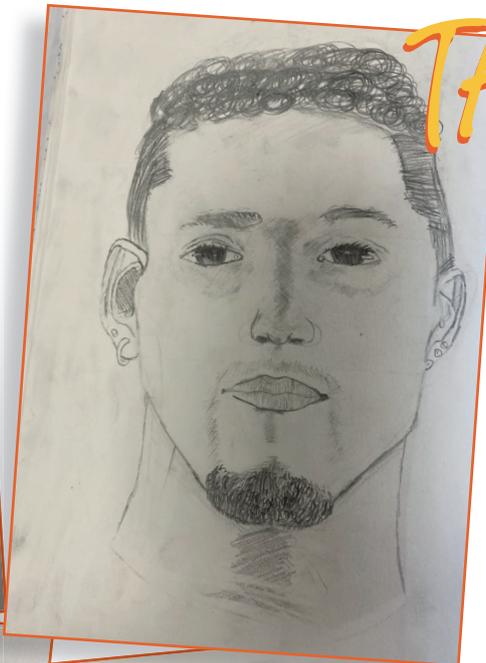


## Learning Expectations

We are aiming to make our learning expectations clearer for students. We've worked with students this term to look at what positive learning looks like in a number of classroom scenarios. For example, within instances such as independent learning, group learning, paired learning and class discussions. We are excited to continue to raise standards of what students are achieving in the classroom, and to maximise learning time for everyone at TAB. These images will be used to inform the students as to what they are expected to be doing within class.

## TAB Building

We know that a lot of students have voiced their frustration with the school toilets. We understand that the current facilities have not been adequate, and we really do appreciate everyone's patience in putting up with these issues. However, we are thrilled to say that over the summer break we will be making significant improvements to the school toilets! We are hopeful that these improvements will ease the annoyances that students have been voicing. We would like to thank everyone again for their tolerance, and for bringing these issues to our attention. We cannot wait to share with you all what we have achieved after the summer break!



# TAB-ulous!

There have been some amazing demonstrations of talent from our Year 7 students. These portraits really showcase the skills they have learned during creative lessons. The drawings are for the 'Identity' project, which looks at how to draw portraits and use skills from previous assignments.

The students have learned about facial proportions and how to map out drawing a face. The use of tonal blending and understanding how to create contrast can be seen within the portraits, which gives them a more realistic appearance. In the portraits shown, Aliciona's and Lucien's are of Tom Holland, Rye's is of Raphinha and Hawwa's is of Addison Ray.

Students will then create a mixed media piece of work in the style of Teesha Moore, an artist based in the US, who adopts loud patterns and colours to create collage-like pieces, which also relate to identity and expression.

We are so excited to see what else our students create.

