



# Newsletter - December 2022

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## Meet The Teacher - Ms McQueen



TAB have some very exciting news!

We would like to introduce our exceptional new Vice Principal for Teaching and Learning - Ms McQueen. She will now be working full time at Trinity Academy Bradford, after initially working across both sites.

**Name:** Ms McQueen

**Job Role:** Vice Principal

**How long have you been at TAB?** Since February 2021, working at both Trinity Academy Halifax and Trinity Academy Bradford.

**Why do you love your subject/role?** I get to work with an amazing staff body, and a superb set of students!

**What are your hobbies?** I love to get out walking, especially in the countryside!

**Your favourite thing about TAB?** The community feel inside the academy.

## Remembrance Day

On the lead up to Remembrance Day, our students were selling poppies around Trinity Academy Bradford, in honour of armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. The whole academy came together on 11th November to observe a 2-minute silence, as well as watching a short documentary about 'Flanders Field' for the servicemen and women who fought for our freedom in the UK.

A special mention goes to Jacob, one of our Year 7 students, gave a wonderful rendition of The Last Post on Remembrance Day, which was played out across the Academy. Thank you again to Jacob for your moving contribution. Jacob has also recently won a Queensbury Community Champion award - what an absolute superstar!

A group of staff and students also represented the academy at the Queensbury Village Remembrance Day parade this weekend. It was an honour to take part in this important annual community event.





## First Competitive Edge Talk

In November, we had a visit from the wonderful Tanya Vital. Tanya is originally from Bradford and became an actor, after graduating from The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and National Youth Theatre, since then has worked for 2 decades in TV, Film, Stage and Voice-Over.

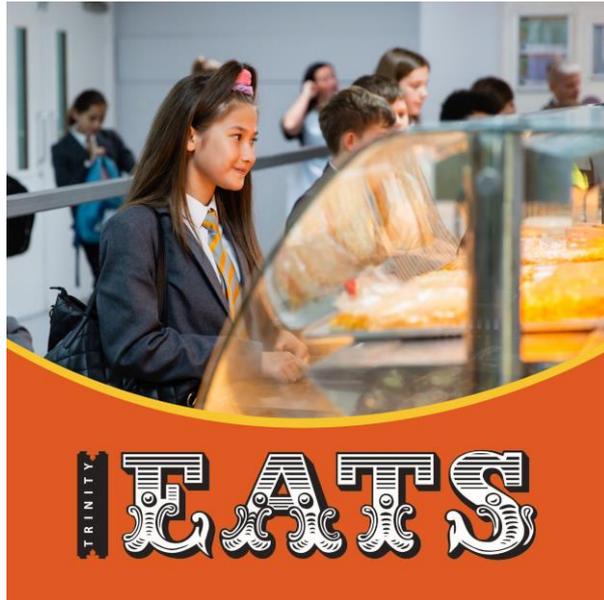
She has worked with some amazing companies such as Emmerdale, The National Youth Theatre and worked with CBBC. Now, Tanya is the Founder of an award-winning digital arts platform Vital Culture UK; you might have seen her live streams on Twitch! The platform is dedicated to championing under-represented artists in the UK's north.

Tanya came in to talk to our Year 10 students about her journey to help them progress with their Competitive Edge programme and shared how it is okay to make mistakes as long as you always learn from them. What an inspiration!



## Trinity Eats

Something scrummy is coming to Trinity Academy Bradford in 2023! We are introducing a brand-new menu in our canteen with the focus being on healthy eating. This initiative will be known as Trinity Eats. Eating a healthy balanced diet is an essential part of keeping healthy and will help our students feel their very best!



## Trinity Talks

November saw our first Trinity Talks event of the academic year.

Trinity Talks is a programme designed to support students to develop and practice a range of spoken language skills.

Students were given the opportunity to see a presentation delivered by Alan O'Donohoe as a model of best practice when it comes to how to present. Alan has more than 20 years' experience in teaching Technology & ICT in Northern England and gave a such a fantastic presentation that inspired our students. Thank you, Alan!

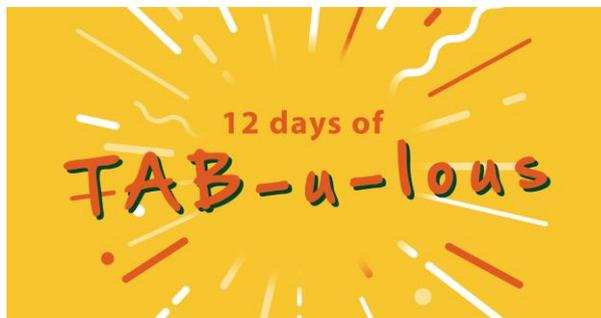


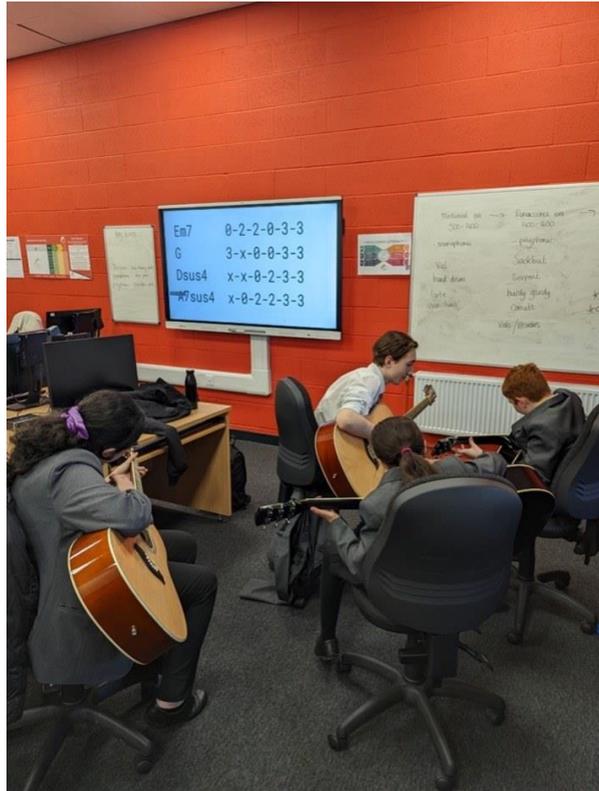
## Monthly Parent Support Group

The Bradford and Craven NHS Mental Health Support Team are holding a monthly online Parent Support Group. The Support Group offers a safe space for parents to share experiences, build positive relationships and receive peer support on all the trials and tribulations of being a parent. Each month parents will receive useful information and strategies to help them around the chosen monthly topic, which could be anything from, exam stress to raising self-esteem.

If you are interested, please contact [MHSParentSupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:MHSParentSupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

## TAB-u-lous





We are immensely proud of all our students here at Trinity Academy Bradford, so here are a few examples showcasing just how wonderful they are...

Orlaith in Year 11 consistently produces Technology work of the highest quality! Her mock results were top of the class, and she will undertake any task, whether she has done it before or not. Never once does Orlaith say "I can't do it" even during practical sessions. She is a truly an engineering star. Well done, Orlaith!

In Music, Ashton B in Y10 has been giving up hours of his own time after school to teach a group of Y7 pupils how to play the guitar. He has demonstrated so much patience, the music teachers are grateful for his help. Well done, Ashton!

Olivia F in Year 11 has worked consistently hard in Media and always produces work of a high standard. Olivia also helps other students to do practical tasks in Photoshop if they're struggling. Well done Olivia, for going above and beyond.

## Fixture results

Our Sports Teams have been all over the county this term with some fantastic results. A big thank you to our PE team who drive them far and wide. Thanks also to parents for being understanding when other clubs have had to be cancelled to allow fixtures to take place. Whilst we try to avoid it at all costs, we do want to allow our students an opportunity to try out their skills in competitive games,

and have been thrilled with how they've conducted themselves, and performed at their games and matches.

Y7 Football – 2-1 win

Y8 Football – 5-2 win

Y9 Rugby Festival – won 2 lost 1

Y9 Rugby Festival – won all 3 games



## Are you ready for Winter?

Cold winter days have returned, and we ask that all parents ensure that the academy holds a current mobile telephone number. The academy will always endeavour to open, even in the event of snow or adverse weather. Should safety issues mean we cannot open, parents will be notified via text message, the website, and Calderdale Council's school's closure page. We try to advise parents and students as early as possible, but we must wait for the bus companies to assess if the buses are able to travel safely. Similarly, if the academy needs to close due to safety issues during the day, parents will be notified via the channels above. Parents should assume that the academy is open as normal, unless advise otherwise.

Students are encouraged to wear footwear suited to the weather conditions when travelling to and from the academy. Please note that our normal Uniform Policy still applies, and should a student be wearing winter footwear to travel to the academy in, they will be required to change them upon arrival.

In the new year, we'll be giving out any lost property coats that haven't been collected, and are also collecting coats from the community as donations. If your child doesn't have a winter coat, encourage them to pop their head into the Uniform Store where one of our staff will try and sort them out with something.

## Key dates for the diary

*Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – INSET Day*

This is when our teachers go back to school when there are no pupils there, for training planning and other duties.

*Wednesday 18th January 2023 – Year 11's Parent Consultation Evening*

This is an important opportunity for parents to obtain a full appreciation of their child's progress, this will happen through individual consultations with their subject teachers. Our staff will discuss any effective strategies that can be put in place to help improve your child's attainment.

## Christmas holiday

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year! The team here at TAB are looking forward to seeing all our students after the holidays on Wednesday 4th January – let's see what 2023 has in store for Trinity Academy Bradford!



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