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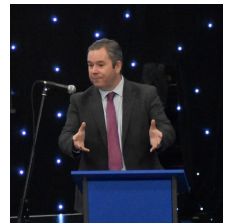


Y10 – The Summit of Possibilities

Look, if you had one shot or one opportunity to seize everything you ever wanted in one moment; Would you capture it, or just let slip? – Eminem

We recently held The Summit of Possibilities, an annual conference which marks the start of Y10's journey into their final year, becoming Y11. We had amazing guests perform, speak and host master classes to provide students with an insight into future possibilities.

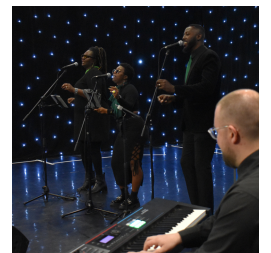
The day started with an inspirational talk from our very own CEO Michael Gosling, who reminded students to be "outrageously ambitious" and encouraged students not to limit themselves. Following this there was an elevating performance from H.U.M Gospel Choir 'Harmony Unison Melody'



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We had 17 (yes 17!) different industry specialists come in and hold multiple classroom sessions, which students were able to choose from. Our guests offered insight into their own personal journeys, current role and industry sector. We then hosted a special Q&A panel for students to ask questions.

Student leadership applications were opened and Mr Pickering gave a impactful speech 'One Shot; One Opportunity' highlighting the importance of year 11.

We closed the day with a motivational talk from Councilor Abigail Marshall Katung. This was a high energy, uplifting talk that students thoroughly enjoyed. Abigail was very impressed and said that our young people are "clearly destined for greatness"



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Y10 – Mock Interviews

In May we welcomed a variety of business, FE and HE seasoned interviewers into school to hold mock interviews. For many students this was their first interview experience and many are often anxious, even in this simulated situation. However, we find holding this event helps students overcome their nerves and practice the correct etiquette for their college and work based interviews. Students felt the process was very beneficial in building their self-confidence and giving them constructive feedback to succeed in future. The big message from employers and educational institutions was that they "hire for attitude and train for skill".



Y7, 8, 9 & 10 Women in STEM

Students went to Leeds University to attend several inspirational Women in STEM talks. Students had the opportunity for discussions around career pathways, aspirations and the variety of changing opportunities available. Students heard from successful women in a wide variety of STEM careers. Students also had some creative STEM focused activities where they worked in small teams to problem solve with budgets, specifications and limited resources. All students also were given a campus tour by student ambassadors.



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Y10 Wakefield, Castleford & Pontefract New College Taster Days

Year 10 have now experienced college life at one or more taster days. Students were given the opportunity to choose and experience several subjects, meet with the college lecturers and use the facilities. We hope this has given students a good insight to their further education options.



Y10 *Cadbury* World

Y10 Media students recently visited Cadburys World in Bourneville to explore the history of the brand and its evolution. Students did a tour, sampled the chocolate and had a go at chocolate making. They then had an interactive marketing workshop where we looked at the progression of advertising, packaging, product development and the strategies and tools they employ to get the best results.

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Y9 Morgan Sindall Construction

Earlier this year some year 9 students attended a Careers in Construction event and whilst there won a competition for creating the best project based on both cost and environmental impact. Morgan Sindall Construction were so impressed with these students that they invited them to come to one of their local projects and consider a career in construction. Students had a tour of ongoing works at the Wakefield Trinity Rugby ground and spoke with staff at various stages of their careers to explore the routes they have taken to secure their roles. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and felt they learnt a lot about the industry, routes to access it and the possibilities it offers. Prior to this visit students thought of construction only as 'trades' and hadn't considered other graduate or HE apprenticeship roles that companies like Morgan Sindall could offer.



Y10 Electrics Workplace Visits

We regularly take Y10 students to visit a local work place called OE Electrics. We do this to meet Gatsby Benchmark 6 - Experiences of Workplaces. Recently OE Electrics extended our Y11 leavers the opportunity to apply for an apprenticeship with them.

We will be visiting OE Electrics again next year with our Y10 students, so they can see how a local business operates.



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Y10 Discover US Student Experience: Residential

Students attended an end of year residential at Sheffield University where they stayed on campus, in student accommodation, enabling them to get a fully immersive experience of university life and their potential future. Our 6 students, met with students from various schools across Yorkshire and had the opportunity to make great new friendships. Students participated in various activities including, ice breakers, sport focused team building activities and a cinema trip. They also completed an enterprise activity to build the slowest rollercoaster; we are very proud to mention that our student Lucy was in the team that won this challenge. These students will be continuing this programme into year 11.



Y11 GCSE Results Day

We are delighted to welcome Y11 students back to Trinity Academy Cathedral to collect GCSE results on:

Thursday 24th August between 10am - 12 noon.

Miss Brown, Mrs Brown & Mr Brooke will be available alongside other key staff.

We plan to have representatives from Wakefield, Barnsley and Leeds City Colleges present for any last minute changes and enquiries you may have.

Good luck Class of 2023!

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