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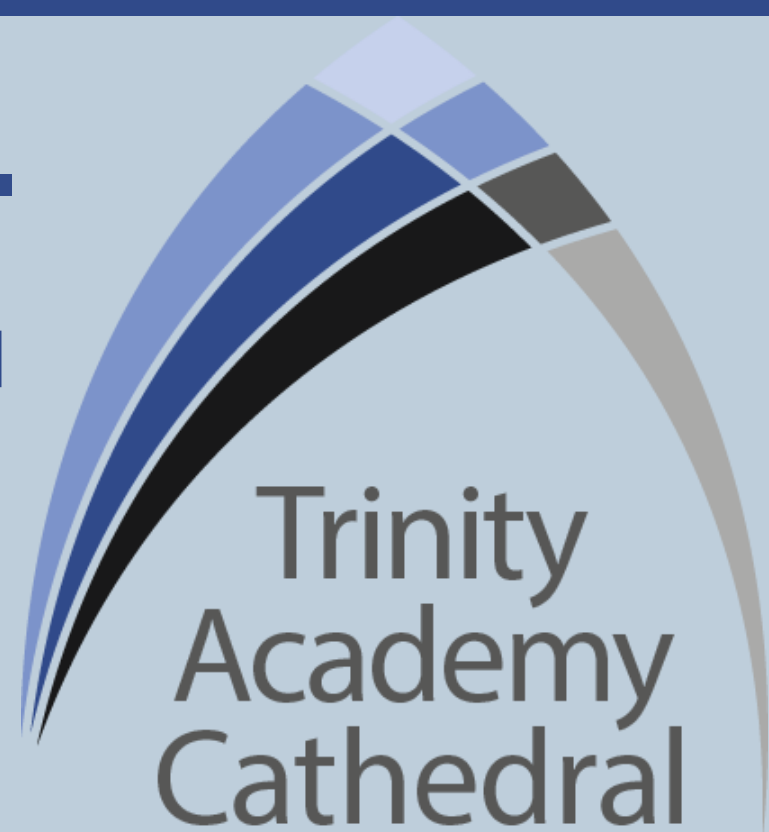
TO THE CLASS OF 2025

THE TEENAGE BRAIN NEEDS...

OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFLECTION

"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for
you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you
all day long."

Psalm 25:5



Trinity
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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT *Cathedral*

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP IS CENTRAL TO WHO WE ARE AS A CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL. OUR WORSHIP AIMS TO BE:

Inclusive

For those of all faiths and none, involving meaningful contributions from the whole school community;

Invitational

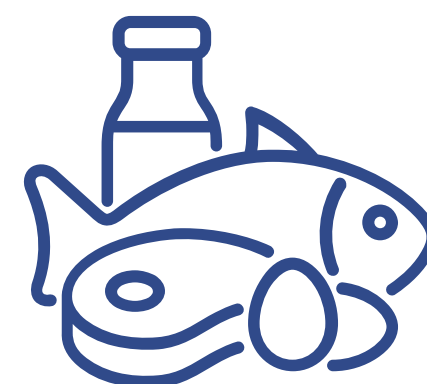
Providing the opportunity to engage whilst allowing the freedom of those of different faiths and those who profess no religious faith to be present and to engage with integrity;

Inspirational

Encouraging all to think deeply about their faith, beliefs and/or philosophical convictions and motivating pupils and adults into action, into thinking differently, and into reflecting on their and the wider community's behaviour and actions.

EACH TERM THIS YEAR HAS HAD AN OVERARCHING WORSHIP THEME WHICH HAS BEEN EXPLORED IN DEPTH THROUGH COLLECTIVE WORSHIP.

In Term 1 we looked at 'Community' focused around 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Encourage one another and build each other up." We explored peace and reconciliation, community changemakers and need in our community; this term concluded with our Harvest foodbank donations which were gratefully received by the St George's foodbank and will have made a difference to members of our local community.



In Term 2 our theme was Love; "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:12-13. We explored great acts of love as we honoured Remembrance Day and looked at the Christmas story. We sent messages of love and support to refugees as a response to our Christmas services.

Term 3's focus was on Hope; Romans 12:12 "Be joyful in hope." We observed Holocaust Memorial Day and explored hope for a better future for all. We considered the importance of hope as we looked at Epiphany and mental health.



Our theme was Justice for Term 4. Isaiah 1:17 "Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression." We looked at Ramadan, International Women's Day and World Water Day exploring the theme of social justice. Throughout Lent and Ramadan, we were challenged to consider the themes of Giving, Praying and Fasting, and how each of us might develop spiritual practices in our own lives. The term concluded with our Easter services.

Term 5's theme was Wisdom; Proverbs 4:7 "Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do." We developed wisdom about ourselves through Mental Health Awareness Week, wisdom about the environment as we celebrated Earth Day, and considered how we might develop cultural wisdom as we looked at diversity and inclusion.



Finally, this term we have the theme of Joy; Proverbs 17:22 "A joyful heart is good medicine." Marking Refugee Week, we looked at the joy found in a welcoming environment and how we might be more welcoming to others. We considered the connection between gratitude and joy, and considered how we can be more thankful each day. There have been many reasons to be joyful this year, and we will conclude by reflecting on this year and the joy that reflection brings.



SPOTLIGHT ON *Cathedral Citizens*



CATHEDRAL CITIZENS ARE A GROUP OF STUDENTS IN KEY STAGE THREE WHO HAVE COMMITTED TO MAKING OUR COMMUNITY BETTER. THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED AS COMMUNITY ORGANISERS AND ARE WORKING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN LOCALLY.

Our pupils were trained by Graham and Becky from Citizens UK. They told us about how to make change in our community by working out who has the power and working together to make change.

We were trained in how to deliver the 5 steps to social change so that we can build a movement based on the ideas and thoughts of local people and our school community.



The Cathedral Citizens have already listened to the school community and met with Simon Lightwood, our MP. We received more than 100 different ideas of how we can make the community better.

citizensUK

We condensed those ideas into 3 aims that we will be working on this year. They are:

1. Reopen the greenhouse at Thornes Park
2. Improve road safety information in Lupset and Flanshaw
3. Get more streetlights around the Lupset estate.



COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY

Next Gen Leaders

CHANGEMAKERS AWARD WINNERS 2025

Our NGL (Next Generation Leaders) students have been making waves with their inspiring community work—and now, they're being noticed beyond the school gates! They Have won the Next Gen leaders "Kick Starter award" awarded by the Lord Mayor of Leeds Highlights of the project include:

- Organising community cafés and festive celebrations
- Designing and selling crafts to fund activities
- Conducting surveys to tailor events to the interests of older participants



Through this work, students developed key skills in communication, leadership, and empathy, while making a real difference in reducing loneliness and building intergenerational bonds. Their efforts culminated in a presentation to a panel of 40 judges and 250 peers—earning them a trophy for their outstanding community impact.

We're incredibly proud of all our students for their dedication, creativity, and compassion. As a result of their achievements, we're thrilled to share that Pure Radio 247 has invited a group from our NGL team to take part in a special interview about their journey. The interview will be pre-recorded via Zoom at school and later broadcast to an audience of around 3,000 listeners. It will also be available as a podcast for even wider reach!

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to reflect on their achievements, share their experiences, and inspire others.



COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY

Duke of Edinburgh

GEARING UP FOR THE FINAL EXPEDITION

After months of commitment, growth, and unforgettable experiences, the RS Duke of Edinburgh group has smashed every requirement for their DofE award—all that's left is their final expedition, taking place at the picturesque Silverwood Campsite on 8th and 9th July. From clocking up volunteering hours to embracing new skills and pushing their physical limits; every participant has gone above and beyond. Along the way, they've built confidence, grit, and a real sense of community.

And now, the grand finale awaits, an adventurous two-day trek through nature, maps in hand, backpacks on, and sleeping bags at the ready. With teamwork and resilience as their compass, they'll navigate trails, pitch tents, and cook up some campsite cuisine. We're all hoping they manage to stay on the right path—though a little scenic detour never hurt anyone...

We couldn't be prouder of everything they've achieved so far. The Silverwood expedition promises to be the perfect conclusion to an incredible journey.

Good luck, DofE legends—you've got this!



COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY

Visit to South Kirkby



REFUSE

REDUCE

REUSE

RECYCLE

Our Earthshot Ambassadors recently had the opportunity to visit the South Kirkby Recycling Centre, where they were immersed in the fascinating world of waste management and sustainability.

Through a series of interactive exhibits, students explored the types of waste generated across Wakefield and followed the journey it takes—from arrival at the facility to its transformation into reusable materials. The visit brought to life the importance of the 4Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Recover, helping students understand how everyday actions can make a big difference.

This hands-on experience not only deepened their knowledge of environmental responsibility but also inspired them to think critically about how we can all contribute to a more sustainable future.

A huge thank you to the team at South Kirkby for hosting such an engaging and educational visit!



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A Triple Triumph!



We are incredibly proud to announce that our Earthshot Eco-Schools Ambassadors have once again achieved the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction—for the third consecutive time!

The Green Flag is an internationally recognised symbol of excellence in environmental education and action. This remarkable achievement reflects the unwavering commitment of our students, staff, and wider school community to creating a more sustainable future.

Guided by our ethos, "Everything is possible for one who believes," our ambassadors have shown courageous advocacy for the Earth—leading initiatives, raising awareness, and inspiring change both within and beyond our school.

Their dedication continues to make a real difference, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

Green Flag with Distinction



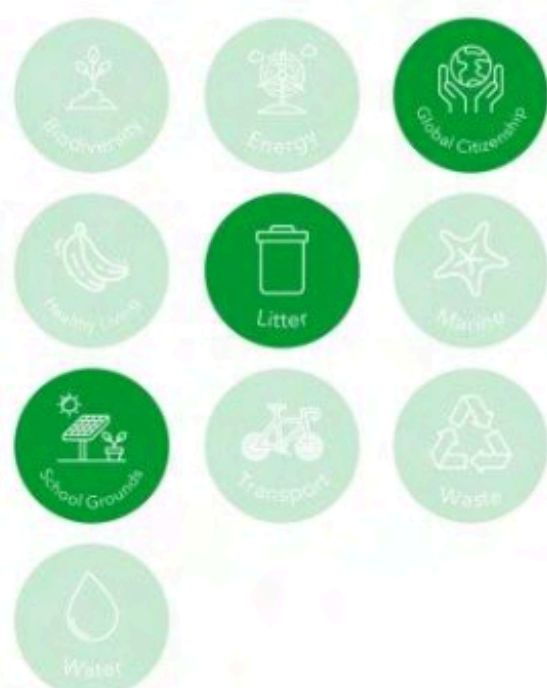
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Green Flag Award, 2025

Trinity Academy Cathedral

Award Level: Distinction

Focus topics:



Your greatest overall success:

We wholeheartedly agree with your assessment. Your year of action has been remarkable, and the garden pictures showcase your dedication and hard work. The student-led nature of this project is impressive, creating a valuable new resource for your school. This project has undoubtedly helped students learn valuable skills too. Having worked with the Bupa Foundation over the past year, we know this is exactly the sort of outcomes they hoped to achieve from their community grant scheme! Congratulations to all involved!

We also loved...

- That you're leading the way in your MAT! Creating a Climate Action Plan under the new government initiative is commendable. Taking the lead and developing your own plan allows you to share this experience within your trust, providing colleagues with reassurance and guidance for creating their own.
- Your year 11 ambassadors! Thank you for being role models and inspiring your younger schoolmates! Over the past years, you've helped to cultivate an environmental and sustainable ethos in your school, and we have no doubt you will continue to do so as you move into further education and careers. Our country needs more passionate individuals like yourselves!
- Your passionate petitioning of a local MP was super impressive! It's amazing that you got them to support changes to national education policy and means your impacts have gone national!
- Your litter-pick, it's great to see young people making an immediate difference and becoming role models for their local community. Thank you from Keep Britain Tidy!
- All of your curriculum links, especially your Green Careers Week, are fantastic. With green careers becoming increasingly prominent, it's wonderful to see you inspiring students to consider careers that make a positive impact!

Next year, why not try...

Space on our feedback template is limited, so we couldn't share all the things we loved about your application. It was incredibly impressive - you're fantastic ambassadors for the programme. Keep up the great work!



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Earthshot Cafe shows their stripes!

In June, our students proudly hosted the final Community Café of the year, welcoming over 20 guests from across our school and local community. The event was a celebration of connection, conversation, and climate action.

As courageous advocates for sustainability, our Earthshot Ambassadors led a powerful moment of reflection as all attendees took part in the #ShowYourStripes Campaign—a global initiative encouraging open dialogue about climate change and the small, meaningful steps we can take to reduce our carbon footprint.

Adults and students alike shared personal pledges and spoke passionately about how they can “be the change they wish to see.” It was a truly inspiring afternoon that highlighted the strength of our community and our shared commitment to a greener future.



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Brewing Change

FAIRTRADE AT OUR COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Did you know that in the UK, over 100 million cups of tea are enjoyed every day? At our recent Community Café, we served Fairtrade tea and coffee to raise awareness about the people behind every cup—and the importance of supporting ethical and sustainable practices.

By choosing Fairtrade, we show respect for the farmers and workers who grow our tea, ensuring they receive fair prices, can plan for their futures, and are better protected from the impacts of climate change.

As part of our commitment to global social justice, students and guests took action by signing the Fairtrade petition, calling on the UK government to take stronger steps to support fairness and sustainability in the tea industry.

During our recent Community Café, visitors were warmly welcomed by our Earthshot Ambassadors to explore our beautiful eco-garden for wellbeing—a peaceful space that reflects our commitment to sustainability and mental health.

Guests also enjoyed a special treat: an exclusive preview performance featuring highlights from the upcoming CAPA show, Chicago. The energy and talent on display were truly inspiring and added a vibrant touch to a meaningful afternoon.



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Goodbye, Year 11

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR OUTGOING CLASS OF 2025 WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES AT TRINITY ACADEMY CATHEDRAL. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SHARE A CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR GROUP THROUGH THE LEAVERS ASSEMBLY AND PROM IN JUNE.



The Year 11 Prom was held at the beautiful Rogerthorpe Manor, providing the perfect setting for an evening of celebration, laughter, and lasting memories. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to mark the end of their journey at TAC in style.

Throughout the night, students voted for Best Transformation and the coveted titles of 'Prom King and Queen'.

Best Transformation:

Maddison O
Lauris L

Prom King and Queen 2025:

Tyler P
Lexii R

The atmosphere was full of joy and excitement, and it was clear that Year 11 had a fantastic time celebrating together. A huge well done to all involved in making the night such a success!



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Serving our community

AS WAKEFIELD'S ONLY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL, WE TAKE INSPIRATION FROM OUR FAITH FOUNDATIONS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

A remarkable journey of preparation and celebration

As the summer rolls on the exam season has drawn to a close, I would like to thank the incredible efforts of the RS Year 11 students. Over the past months, they've shown dedication, resilience, and impressive commitment in preparing for their exams—truly stepping up to the challenge with maturity and determination.

From learning the exam frameworks to revisiting key concepts and revision workshops, this year group has left no stone unturned. I am so proud of how they've embraced feedback, supported one another, and kept their eyes on the goal through every practice paper and revision session.

But preparation doesn't have to be all stress and silence—and the RS Year 11s proved just that. To round off their revision in style, we had a fantastic Revision Party, blending learning with games, quizzes, snacks. It was a fitting way to say goodbye—not just to revision, but to a shared chapter of their journey.

As these students await their results, we want to send them off with a massive GOOD LUCK! You've already accomplished so much, and whatever the outcomes, your effort and attitude have made us incredibly proud.



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Focus on your future

WE BELIEVE IN PROVIDING THE WIDEST RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR PUPILS DECIDE ON THEIR CAREERS. WE HAVE THE HIGHEST AMBITIONS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND WANT THEM TO HAVE THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS TO MAKE CHOICES FOR THEIR FUTURE.

Health and Social Care Workplace Visit

On Monday 7th July, a group of Year 10 H&S students had the opportunity to complete a workplace visit at Dewsbury Hospital. These students have taken part in theory, and practical workshops in school, led by external providers to gain an insight to the health and social field of work. This opportunity gave students the chance to see professionals in their role and ask any questions they may have about different career options. Students took part in different activities throughout the day that allowed them to experience life in a health care setting.



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Higher
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Sports Round-Up

Year 7 Girls Football Team

Excellent win for Year 7 against Kettlethorpe High School.



Basketball

A brilliant effort from our basketball team in the first round of the play offs against Abbey Grange,



End of Season Netball Reward

Our netball team celebrated this year's success with a trip to watch Leeds Rhinos Netball in the Super League.

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Sports Round-Up

Boccia TMAAT Games

A great day hosting our first Boccia TMAAT Games. Huge well done to our TAC students claiming second overall in the tournament.



Rowing

A fantastic day to be out in the sunshine rowing on Roundhay lake



2025 Barcelona Sports Tour

What a fantastic Tour! 5 days jammed packed with: 2 Training sessions, 4 fixtures, Nou Camp tour, shopping on the Ramblas, water sports, bowling, mini golf but most of all making some fantastic memories.

