



# Newsletter

Another busy term at Trinity, with the college introducing new lead roles to further improve the quality of education and processes.

We were visited Clare Howard of NATSPEC this term. Once again Clare expressed her support for the continued high level of education and learning that Trinity provides.

We were also delighted to receive a visit from our local M.P. Andrew Mitchell and the Mayoress Janet Cairns, to mark the ten year anniversary since Trinity opened its doors.



## The Lindridge



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**In this edition...  
Life and Living  
and  
Independence  
Pathways  
celebrate many  
events this  
term.**

**Employment  
and  
Volunteering  
Pathways were  
very keen to get  
back out into  
the community.**

**The Student  
Council is  
back!!**

**New! A monthly  
bulletin for  
Parents and  
Carers.**

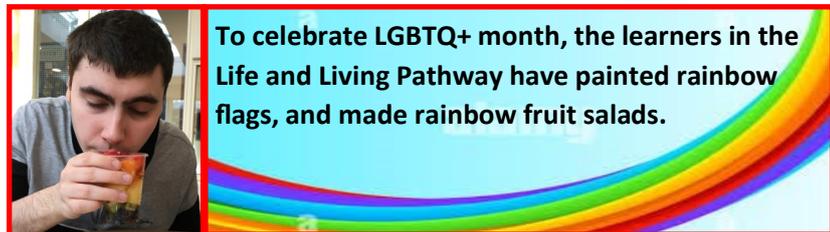
**A plea to join  
our Trustees.  
We need you!**



**Half term break:  
Break up: 17/2/2022  
Return: 28/2/2022**

## Life and Living and Independence Pathway

Learners from Life and Living Pathway and Independence Pathway visited the Boar's Head at Perry Barr to celebrate Chinese New Year! The trip was very successful and the learners thoroughly enjoyed the all you can eat buffet food!



To celebrate LGBTQ+ month, the learners in the Life and Living Pathway have painted rainbow flags, and made rainbow fruit salads.

Daisy, the Speech and Language Therapist, has been running a  therapy session in the Life and Living Pathway. This gives each learner an individual job role and encourages them to work together and to encourage communication skills.



Before Christmas, learners donated chocolate to the local food bank. The amount sent in was extremely generous and the food bank was very thankful for the donations!



Independence Pathway have been busy planting for the summer in our raised beds at Trinity and at Oakdene Nursery, on our allotment.

We have recently worked on wellbeing looking at what worries us, what makes us happy, what are our dreams.



We acknowledged Burns Night on 25th January and the group will continue to feature LGBTQ+ history week during February.



*Welcome!* to our new starter: Zoe Hadley, Data Administrator. Goodbye and best wishes to Raji Dosanjh, Teacher.

## *Qualifications Achieved*

Louise Eades has gained the following qualification:

Speech, Language and Communication Difficulties Level 3.

## Student Council News.

The Student Council has taken a break for a while but they are back, with Rob Blackmore at the helm, thank you Rob. This month's meeting was held on the 15th of February at the Falcon Lodge community café. Topics under discussion included whether learners can have drinks in the classrooms, with everyone coming to an agreement that the answer is yes, but safety considerations for other learners and equipment must be considered. Also learners talked about doing activities during long breaks, and whether some days at college could be flexible and include independent learning. These topics and more will be further discussed at the March meeting. Thank you to our council representatives and staff support.

## Employment Pathway

Thomas and Jack are super pleased to have started new work experience placements within Shenstone Community library. Thomas is working in the main library as an assistant, and Jack is working in the cafe, both learners have had glowing reports from the library staff and customers.



Some of our learners from Employment and Volunteering Pathways have visited local supported living residences as part of their Independent Living curriculum. Recently, they visited Precious Homes in Sutton Coldfield. They learned a lot about how this option works. Also, in conjunction with Kerry from Preparation For Adulthood, learners have gained an understanding of why they might receive benefits and what sort of independent accommodation they could access. These sessions will continue throughout the year.



### Community visit to Star City

Greetings, my name is Conner and I am writing a brief description of the trip to Star City.

Firstly, I was asked to plan a trip to a chosen location (for an AQA unit at Level Two) and the place I chose was Star City. There were some tasks I needed to complete to achieve this.

Here is what I did:

I created a questionnaire/survey to gather the rest of my class opinions on the activity they preferred doing and where they wanted to eat. The total number of votes chose bowling and Pizza Hut buffet (although I had to change Pizza Hut because the cost would've been too expensive with the bowling.) Therefore, I let the students decide where they wanted to go.

I typed up a letter to inform parents about the trip itself and I listed the date (I had to change it several times), then I completed a risk assessment, staffing ratio list and organised the bus routes.

We did a practice run on the bus to check it would be suitable for all students.

We then went to Star City and had the best time! Comments from students included 'it was well organised', 'it

was good we had a choice for lunch', 'It was great that I got to socialise with my friends'.



Both Ryan and Sabrina were successful in passing their introduction to ICT course which took place at the community centre at Falcon lodge, both worked through the course with members of the local community with great success. They worked independently and covered elements of online safety and how to use Microsoft office packages. Well done guys!



As part of their sensory curriculum, Jack and Ryan have taken part in sessions at Jump Xtreme at Tamworth. Not only is this a lot of fun but its an important therapy.

## Monthly Information Bulletin NEW!

We receive a lot of information at Trinity about initiatives that other organisations are offering. Together with discounts and grants and activities/clubs and other interests on offer for our young adults. If we don't have your email address, please let Sandra on Reception know on 01213783242 and I will include you in our monthly bulletin.

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Family and Transition Support

Hi parents and carers.  
Please join our WhatsApp group. It's a great way to keep in touch and share ideas. The mobile phone App is easy to download and it's free!

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## MeaningFull days in March

for adults with learning disabilities  
and/or autism delivered by



Birmingham Centre  
for Arts Therapies

**MONDAY'S**  
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**PICK UP 3.00pm**

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- options of activities to engage in
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Feel free to join this event and strut your funky stuff! This inclusive event has been organised by QAC college. Have fun!

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### Parent Trustee position.

We would like to invite you to be part of the of the governance of the college, to ensure that the quality of the education we provide is maintained. Your views as a parent or carer are very important, so please give us a small amount of your time!

The trustees meet by zoom , three times per year. We do recognise that your time may be limited so trustees can be flexible. If you would like to know more, please contact either **Sally Evans** at [sally@trinityspecialistcollege.co.uk](mailto:sally@trinityspecialistcollege.co.uk), or **Liz Garnham** , Trustee at [liz@trinityspecialistcollege.co.uk](mailto:liz@trinityspecialistcollege.co.uk)



Many thanks