

Welcome to number 7 in my series of blogs! It has been another busy and productive month on and off site for everyone involved in the creation of our new school. Thank you again for your positivity and continued support as we hurtle towards opening! I am currently sourcing some very special 'Founding Team' badges for our students and staff to wear with pride at the start of a very special and important first academic year.


 Kat Cafferky | Principal

## This is me!



Thank you to all of our families who entered our latest challenge, perhaps my favourite yet. I have really enjoyed seeing your smiling faces and creative artwork. All entrants will receive a special little something in the post to ward away those lock-down blues!



## TAL Team!

We have been very busy with recruiting our #TALstars to our Trinity Academy Leeds team. This includes the appointment of a governing body to support and guide our growth. I am feeling very lucky to have such an interesting, experienced and successful team of people to work with and the excitement was palpable during our first meeting last week. Our Chair of Governors, Tim White, is delighted to take up the post and introduce himself to our families:

"The prospect of joining such a wonderful team with the chance of making a real difference to the lives of our pupils and the city of Leeds, was too good an opportunity to miss..."


 Tim White |  
Chair of  
Governors

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## The Site

It's February already, Easter Eggs are in the shops, but still the snow lingers! This has not affected our building team who have battled through the elements to ensure that the roof of our building is fitted and secured. Some of the team visited the site last week and we were able to climb up to the third floor and capture the fantastic views across the city. There has also been a lot of rainfall which our building team have worked hard to drain; sadly, we do not have an outdoor swimming pool for those who have enquired! Please check out the drone footage that gets updated regularly on our website for a fuller picture of the progress.



## Challenge



At TAL, we will be encouraging every student to be involved in a physical activity. We can't wait to see you practising your skills in our brand-new facilities! For this challenge, we would like you to tell us what your favourite sport or activity is and why. Even better, send us a picture of you in action or a drawing that represents your activity or sport. All entries will receive a sports themed prize.

## Year 6 Transition

As March 1st draws ever closer, we have started to add some key information about our transition process to our Year 6 Transition page on our website. Check out the handy checklist that we have created for students to the right and head to our website to download your own copy! I have also been busy designing the School Planner and creating a Parent's Handbook that will be sent to all our TAL families.

## Spotlight on...

Another important role that we have secured is the role of SENDCO at TAL. This role is key in ensuring that students who may be joining us with additional needs are fully supported and happy at school. I am thrilled that we have secured Oliver Harrison, who currently works at a highly successful school within our MAT and brings a wealth of experience to the position. Oliver is already working with our feeder Primary Schools to ensure that all learners experience a smooth transition to our academy...



I'm excited to be joining the team at Trinity Academy Leeds in September. I am currently SENCO at Trinity Academy Cathedral in Wakefield. Read more on our website...

## Checklist below!

### REACH HIGHER, SEE FURTHER, SHINE BRIGHTER! My Year 6 Transition checklist!

To help you prepare for your transition from primary to secondary school, we've put together a checklist of key things to consider during your first week. Check them off and get excited - it won't be long before you're settled in!

#### Organisation is key

- 1 Learn your route of travel & sort bus fare or pass if needed
- 2 Work out the time you should wake up & set off
- 3 What are you having for lunch? Sort packed lunch or 'ParentPay' account
- 4 Uniform: Blazer, shirt, tie, black socks, skirt or trousers & sensible black shoes
- 5 P.E kit: sensible trainers, TAL branded top & shorts (only for days you have P.E)

#### Preparing Yourself

- 1 Bring a bag for the first day (We'll provide you with a TAL bag on your first day)
- 2 Have a phone? Download the 'Find My Friends' app & share your location with family
- 3 Keep emergency phone numbers & some spare change in your bag, if possible
- 4 If nobody will be home when you finish school, make sure you have a key.
- 5 You have any medicine or need an inhaler, make sure to pack it in your bag

#### Everyday Equipment

- 1 Planner
- 2 THE BUILD booklet
- 3 Timetable
- 4 Pencil case with: pen, pencil, rubber & ruler
- 5 Bring a challenging reading book of your choice


 Oliver  
Harrison |  
SENCO