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Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter, Voice. Where we celebrate the experiences and achievements of our incredible young people. Every term we will profile six of our students, focusing on their passions and amplifying their voices.

## Bethany Year 7 Science

**My TAL Vision: Bethany became the best scientist and helped everyone around the world through the study of science...**

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I was so nervous about coming to TAL at first but now I enjoy it so much. My parents chose TAL for me because it had no older children that might bully me and thought I would make a lot of new friends. Being a student at TAL has made me realise how polite everyone can be. While remembering to use our STAR and STEPS, I have noticed why our school is so great. After school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays we have INVOLVE clubs. On Tuesday I do Science and on Wednesday I do Team which includes operating the lights in the theatre. In Science, Mr Trail has been teaching us about different cells such as plant, animal, yeast and bacterial cells. Next, we are going to be learning about states of matter. I am looking forward to using Bunsen burners, like I did when I helped out on Open Evening. My favourite cell is the animal cell because I can label all the parts such as the nucleus, mitochondria, cytoplasm, ribosomes and cell membrane.



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I thought of high school as exciting but strict. My parents chose TAL because it was close to home and they heard it was going to be an excellent school. I took part in the TAL Maths Challenge. Summer School was fun and it gave me an idea of what I'd be learning at TAL. The advice I would give to a new Year 7 is that you shouldn't be worried about your future and to always be you.

Being a student at TAL is a privilege. It's fun and learning new things are the best parts. The things that you need to remember are: your bag containing your planner, book, pencil case, Knowledge Organiser, Recall book and to make sure you have the correct uniform. There is a lot of reasons as to why TAL is special but one of them is because it lets everyone have a voice to speak for what's right. In Maths lessons, we are currently learning about sequences. We are taught by either Mr Weston or Mr Fox. I think that Maths is an important subject at TAL because it's linked with other subjects such as History and Geography. Without knowing Maths, I think that we wouldn't have a strong voice in the world. I am currently working on linear sequences and how to continue them. To work out linear sequences, you have to calculate the term to term rule (what is added/subtracted from the previous term to the next term).

## Chloe Year 7 Maths

**My TAL Vision: Chloe grew from a nervous girl into a confident young lady with sky high dreams. She was a kind, caring and honest student at TAL. By having the courage of her parents, the smile of her sister and the trust of her friends, her vision became real...**

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**Talia** Year 7 P.E.

**My TAL Vision: Talia always tried her best 100% of the time. She was always respectful and was well mannered and after reaching great grades gets a great job.**

When I was about to go to Summer School I felt eager but a bit nervous because I thought about what challenges I was going to face. My parents picked TAL because they felt it was going to be great there and also loads of other schools around didn't have many clubs and I enjoy lots of sports. When I started during the first couple of days I found it exciting but on the other hand I was still very nervous. The advice I would give to the new year six students about starting TAL is respect others and they will respect you. Being a TAL student is amazing. I am proud to say I go to Trinity Academy Leeds. The best part of TAL is on Fridays because you have your Inspire assembly where not just the students, but the teachers can thank others for being the best they can be. The things that you need to remember is to always be on task, and on time and always have your equipment to be the best TAL student you can be. The thing that makes TAL special is that it's a brand-new school with high expectations that have been set and that all of the students follow. The INVOLVE clubs I do are rugby and 'You are the Ref'. I enjoy doing sports so much at TAL. I come to two after school football clubs at TAL as well. The best thing so far is the staff always being there to help.

Currently in P.E. we are doing netball with Miss Elliot. Some bits of netball are challenging and she pushes us to try all try our best. We have learnt footwork and passes, and later we will be learning a lot more. The thing I am most interested in is footwork because you get to move about a lot more. In the future I am looking forward to doing more challenging games that push us to our limits.



**Simphiwe** Year 7 Drama

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**My TAL Vision is to pass my GCSEs with all nines then I want to become the world's greatest actor.**

My thoughts on high school are ever changing – I find it enjoyable and surprising. My Mum chose this school for me because she believes in what the school is doing, and we have a very welcoming and amazing staff. I have learned that being in trouble doesn't make you cool and that the TAL community is very generous and will allow you to make big changes in your life. Being a student at TAL is also about learning good morals and you can have a whole new beginning. I love attending LAPA, Board Game Masters and playing basketball. I love the calm atmosphere of the school and that our teachers want the best for us.

In Drama we are learning improvisation with Miss Scantlebury. We have learnt how to create a play by planning. We are going to be learning how to 'block' an improvisation by controlling your other emotions and the energy you give off. We are learning the art of improvisation which is an off-script play that feeds off our imagination.

We have learnt it by doing it first, and then after further explanation and feedback, doing it again, and then afterwards we discussed what to keep and what to leave out. We could make it even better by reading, thinking, moving and talking like the people we want to act like, so it would be more realistic. I enjoyed this as it was a unique part of Drama and I had never done this before.

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**My TAL Vision: Ryan completed all of the levels in The Build booklet, succeeded in her GCSEs and made sure that she was the best that she could be.**

I felt as if I was one of the luckiest people to have a chance to attend TAL. I am certain that TAL will give me a great education and will shape me into a brilliant young adult. During transition, I did take part in a few challenges – All About Me and the Christmas Card design challenge. I would advise all of the new Year 7 students to keep working hard so they will have fantastic opportunities and will be able to reach higher, see further and shine brighter. TAL is a special school because even though it is not yet fully built, it is already becoming one of the best schools in the country. I love the INVOLVE clubs that I get to do which are The Sculpture Challenge and Book Club. I also love the different subjects too and I am learning a lot of new things as well.

In Geography we have been discovering how to describe the location of Britain in the world using key geographical terminology like latitude, longitude, northern/southern hemisphere, and factories affecting climate. I learned that even though Mongolia is next to the Equator it is still very cold due to prevailing winds that come from hot or cold places and is home to Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world. I also helped out at our Open Evening in the Geography room. Geography is an important subject as it will help us learn about the world and help keep it safe. It also helps people who want to be pilots or explorers know where they are so they can get to places they need to be easily. In a recent lesson, we practiced using our skills and key words and applied this to our paragraphs explaining about where Leeds is in the world. We wrote some things we could improve on and re-drafted it by adding more details and correcting it.

## Edward Year 7 English

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**My TAL Vision: Edward is a role model who gives back to people who are struggling. He helps those who need it, those who need a roof over their head and those who deserve it. Edward always helped those in need of assistance.**



When the thought of high school first entered my mind, I was worried about me falling below TAL's standards and potentially altering my future for the worse, however when I first started I felt welcomed and wanted. The advice I would give to Year 6's would be not to worry and concentrate a lot as it will benefit your future. From my perspective, being a TAL student is full of challenges every day as there are never any shortcuts to show everyone has learnt. My personal best part of TAL would be how many opportunities there are to reach the brightness of my future as by the end of high school I could do so much in my life. The specialities of TAL would be how far they can push you in your favourite lessons or any in general. My current INVOLVE clubs are basketball and Board Game Masters which I always enjoy. The best moment in high school would be when my Principal (Mrs Cafferky) read out my English work and praised me in front of the whole year group. I went home with a smile on my face.

I am currently learning and studying a book called Cirque Du Freak, which means Circus of the Freaks in French, with my English teacher Mrs Collins, who is also the school's Vice Principal. I have learnt so far about the protagonist Darren and his friends, particularly Steve who seems very deceptive but clever at the same time. Eventually I will learn more about this story and possibly more characters. I am looking forward to Fridays as we read a different book ranging from historical books to extracts of more well-known books. English is a vital lesson as it teaches you new words and the ability to express yourself in many different situations. I usually summarise each and every chapter of my book I read at school to prove I understand what I am reading and can highlight the important pieces of text in the chapter. I would then share an opinion/answer about a question in the booklet I use. In my most recent lesson I had to look for quotes to evidence an emotion felt in the text, further developing my skills of spotting similarities and making inferences. I would usually use my purple pen and proofread my work to guarantee it is grammatically correct or see if I can upgrade my vocabulary. To improve this, I may word my sentence a little bit better, make the quote go well with the rest of my sentence. I enjoyed creating this piece of work because it reflected the things I know and am capable of in my English lessons and that it can always be improved.

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We have had a fantastic first term at TAL and we are so very proud of all our young people who have worked hard, displayed kindness and embodied our Core Values. Below is a taste of what has happened this term in our very special school.



- Electing our first **Voice Ambassadors**
- Launching **LAPA** and preparing for our Christmas Showcase
- **26 INVOLVE Clubs** participated by all 240 students
- Sports Clubs galore! Basketball, football, hockey, cross country and our first fixtures where **our students did us proud**
- Our students in full voice, singing the TAL song in our weekly **Inspire Assembly**
- Our children **embodying our Core Values** through our Character Curriculum – The Build
- Our first **SHINE Project** launch, encouraging our children to write about people who inspire them
- Our **DEAR** daily read and a visit from Mitch Johnson himself!
- Sian Gabbidon inspiring our young people in an **Inspire Assembly**
- **Musical tuition**, free of charge, every day
- **Recall, Recall, Recall** – our students are becoming Masters!
- **Hegarty Maths** Heroes – we love Maths at TAL
- Celebrating success and saying **thank you every Friday**

**We cannot wait for another fantastic term.  
Stay safe and we'll see you on Tuesday, 2 November.**



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It means a lot for us to share our founding member's voices and all the incredible things they have achieved in their first term with us!

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