Welcome to the first in a new series of community newsletters from Leeds Trinity University.

In fewer than 50 years, Leeds Trinity University has transformed itself from two small Catholic teacher training colleges to an acclaimed university with an excellent track record for launching the careers of its students.

We may be a university first and foremost, but we’re also proud to be an active member of the Horsforth community. We provide a wide range of activities and services that you can benefit from, and we want to make sure that you know about them.

ATTEND OUR EVENTS
Whatever your interests, one of the benefits of having a university in your community is access to our regular events programme. Throughout the year, our events explore a wide range of topics relevant to our academic specialisms - and you’re invited. Most events are free and open to anyone to attend - find out what’s coming up at: www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/events

JOIN OUR GYM - TRINITY FITNESS
Did you know that we have a fully equipped gym and sports centre on campus? Open to all members of the local community, membership allows you to use our gym, take part in our wide range of fitness classes and hire our squash courts and 3G Astroturf Pitch. Many of the local community are already members, but we’d love you to join us - find out more at www.trinityfitness.co.uk

DEVELOP YOUR BUSINESS NETWORKS
Do you work for a local business? If so, you’re invited to join the Leeds Trinity Business Network (LTBN): an informal, thriving network through which local businesses make good connections and leads, raise their profiles and work with the University to support local business in our area. Established in 2011, the LTBN is largely made up of local businesses in North West Leeds. Monthly networking events are held on campus each month, which includes networking and a buffet lunch, followed by a guest speaker who talks about a theme relevant to boosting business. Interested? Find out more at www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/business-and-partnerships

HORSFORTH TRINITY PLAYERS
Did you know that Leeds Trinity University is the home of the Horsforth Trinity Players - a new amateur dramatic society for the Horsforth community? Everyone is welcome, whether you’re an actor, director, stage manager, set designer, costume person, props manager, prompter, publicity guru, programme seller or any other theatrical trade. The membership fee will be £10 a year, to run from 1 September to 31 August. If you’re interested in joining, please contact the Acting Secretary at parkin804@hotmail.co.uk. The first production will run in early December.

TOP UP YOUR KNOWLEDGE
While we’re proud of the excellent reputation we’ve maintained for teacher education, we’ve expanded and diversified over the years to become a university that offers a broad range of courses. The majority of our courses are full-time undergraduate, but we’ve got a growing number of postgraduate, foundation and short courses designed to fit in around a full-time job.

Find out more at one of our regular Open Days: www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/opendays
The University has recently received planning approval to develop its campus.

**WHAT ARE WE BUILDING IN 2015-16?**

**Hall of residence**
We’re currently building a new hall of residence, which will encompass bedrooms, a learning space, laundrette and communal courtyard. This is being built on the former site of our Students’ Union, which has been demolished. Building work will be taking place over the next 12 months, with completion planned for September 2016 when students will move into their new rooms.

**Outdoor changing room facility**
We will shortly open a new outdoor changing room facility available for students, staff and the local community to use. This will be a single-storey outdoor changing room facility next to our 3G Astroturf Pitch.

Why?
Many of our buildings were built in the sixties and are now quite dated. Whilst our main focus is on enhancing our students’ experience, increasing our student residential accommodation provision on campus also puts less strain on housing needs in the local community, as well as supporting our Travel Plan by minimising travel to and from the campus and reducing the impact on local highways and local car parking provision.

How can I find out more?
Neighbours within the immediate vicinity of Leeds Trinity University will receive a regular newsletter directly from Morgan Sindall (the contractors for the hall of residence development) about developments affecting the immediate locality of the University. We will also make this newsletter available on our website: www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/campusdevelopments

How will we minimise disruption throughout the building works?
Our contractor, Morgan Sindall, is a member of the “Considerate Constructors Scheme”. This means that the contractors will endeavour to ensure any disruption to residents in the immediate vicinity of the campus is minimal. If you have any comments or concerns relating to the work of Morgan Sindall, please contact Nick Ford (Site Manager) on 07811 486 478 during normal working hours.

What about car parking?
We know that the potential impact of a new student accommodation block on car parking may be a concern for our local neighbours. We completely understand these concerns, and have put several measures in place to minimise any adverse impacts on local residents. These include the provision of additional spaces for staff and students, thanks to a partnership between the University and Yarnbury Rugby Club. If you have any concerns about car parking on campus, please contact Steve Oddy, Director of Facilities and Estates, at s.oddy@leedstrinity.ac.uk or on 0113 283 7237.

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**Campus Developments for 2016-17**
We are planning to submit a planning application in September for an extension to our Andrew Kean Learning Centre. The proposed start date of the development would be spring 2016 and there would be a 10-12 month construction period.

The primary purpose of this extension would be to replace outdated teaching facilities in one of our older buildings from the 1960s. The development would comprise teaching rooms and learning space for students. We would also undertake a minor refurbishment of the existing library /IT helpdesk area. The extension would be single storey, extending to the rear of the existing building towards the secondary entrance road. The external elevations to the extension are planned to be of traditional appearance, in keeping with the existing building using a mix of brick, cladding and glazing. The roof would be flat, incorporating a number of rooflights.

**Campus Developments Exhibition**
An exhibition featuring the architects’ impressions of the Andrew Kean Learning Centre development will be held in the Atrium for 12 weeks from the end of September. You can drop in to view the exhibition at any time, but we will also publish specific dates when staff will be available to talk through the developments. These dates will be published on our website: www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/campusdevelopments
Robin Hood - hero or villain?
A PhD student from Leeds Trinity University has discovered a forgotten 18th century Robin Hood text which appears to show that the fearless outlaw may not have been as popular with people in the past as stories today would lead us to believe.

The forgotten text reads almost as though it were a sequel to the legend. The year is 1202 and Robin has been pardoned by King John. He has also become one of King John’s Ministers of State. He is not, however, the noble and generous man we know him as today. Instead, he has become one of the most corrupt and embezzling of all government ministers and the ballad recounts the Duke of Lancaster’s efforts to expose Robin Hood’s corruption to King John.

Find out more at www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/news

90-year-old graduate demonstrates the benefits of life-long learning
You’re never too old to learn, as one Leeds Trinity University graduate demonstrated this summer by graduating at the age of 90. Bill Hart was Leeds Trinity University’s oldest graduate this summer, graduating with a foundation degree in Professional Coaching of Lishi Movement. Practiced by people of all ages across the world, Lishi is a 3,000 year old Chinese culture that trains in the function and role of posture and alignment, the development of breathing skills, and the context of using energy for movement and dance. The course includes physical elements and requires regular training each week, as well as research, reading and essay writing.

Bill’s story captured the attention of media outlets across Yorkshire, with a live appearance on BBC Look North among his many media appointments over the summer.

Find out more at www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/news

Any Questions? comes to Leeds Trinity
We will host BBC Radio 4’s Any Questions? on Friday 4 December. Any Questions? is a topical discussion, in which a panel of personalities from the worlds of politics, media and elsewhere answers questions from a live audience. The programme will be broadcast live from the Auditorium at 8pm on Friday 4 December, and members of the community are warmly invited to be a part of the live audience.

To find out more and book your ticket, visit www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/events

Calling all Leeds Trinity Alumni
Want to share your news? Let us know what you’ve been up to since graduating by contacting our Alumni Relations Officer, Brett Arnall, at b.arnall@leedstrinity.ac.uk
**THE START OF THE 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Throughout September, we’ll be welcoming new and returning students to the University for the start of the 2015-16 academic year. The bulk of students arrive from the weekend of 19-20 September, which is the beginning of our annual Freshers’ Week on campus.

The start of the new academic year is an exciting time for all students, but especially for all our new students, as they make new friends and settle into university life. Inevitably, this time of year on campus is a little busier and noisier than usual, but we’d like to reassure all residents that we do everything we can to minimise any disruption this may cause. If local residents do have any concerns, please contact Steve Oddy, Director of Facilities and Estates, at s.oddy@leedstrinity.ac.uk or on 0113 283 7237.

**LEEDS TRINITY WANTS TO COME TO YOU!**

Do you have a community group, club or association that Leeds Trinity could support or get involved with? We want to hear from you and find out if our students or staff could help in any way. Please get in touch with Kim Somerville on k.somerville@leedstrinity.ac.uk or 0113 283 7275.

**USE OUR FREE SHUTTLE BUS**

Ever seen our shuttle bus driving through Horsforth? It’s not just for students - all Horsforth residents can use the bus, free of charge. Our shuttle bus runs Monday to Friday during term-time at regular intervals throughout the day. For more details on times, visit www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/shuttlebus

**APPLY FOR A JOB**

Looking for a new job? With over 350 members of staff, we’re one of the biggest employers in Horsforth, so you might just find what you’re looking for with us. Not only are we on your doorstep, but we’re among the best places to work in the country according to Investors in People, who recently awarded us its Gold standard for the second time. Keep an eye on our latest vacancies at www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/jobs.

**EVENTS**

We run a regular programme of free events throughout the year that all members of our local community are welcome to attend. Here’s what’s coming up:

**Campus Developments Exhibition**
End of September - December

**Postgraduate Open Day**
(teacher training only)
10am - 3pm, Saturday 3 October

**Open Day**
10am - 3pm, Saturday 10 October

**Postgraduate Open Evening**
5.30 - 7.30pm, Wednesday 21 October

**Open Day**
10am - 3pm, Saturday 24 October

**All Saints Day**
Times TBC, Wednesday 4 November

**Leeds Trinity Business Network**
12.15-2pm, Wednesday 11 November

**Northern History Forum**
Wednesday 18 November

**Journalism Week**
Monday 16 - Thursday 19 November

**Employability and Enterprise Week**
Monday 16 - Friday 20 November

**Interfaith Week**
Monday 16 - Friday 20 November

**BBC Radio 4’s Any Questions?**
8pm, Friday 4 December

We’re in the process of finalising our events programme for 2015-16, so visit our website to find out more: www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/events

**OVER TO YOU**

We want to make sure this newsletter is useful, informative and interesting, so it’s over to you. What do you want to hear from us? What don’t you want to hear from us? Get in touch with us via enquiries@leedstrinity.ac.uk to let us know what you think.