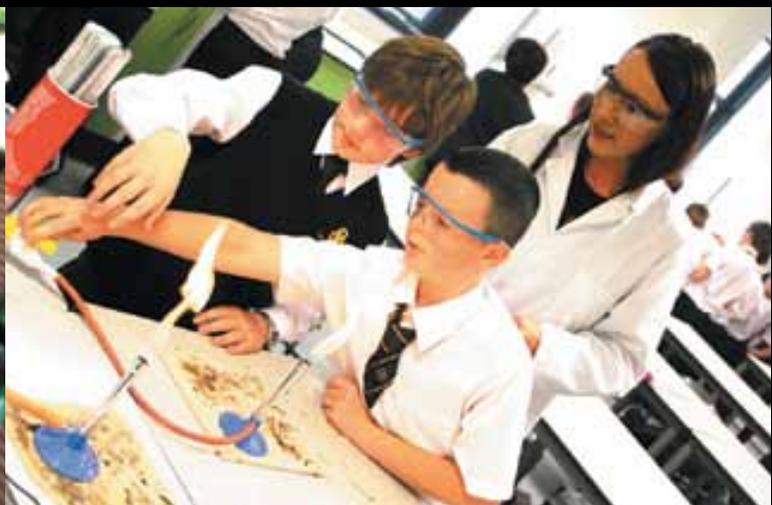


TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE AND SIXTH FORM

A Specialist College of Technology, Maths & Computing



Living out Gospel values



A Welcome from the Headteacher

Trinity Catholic College: "An Inclusive, Learning Community Living Out Gospel Values"

Trinity Catholic College, formed September 2009, is the amalgamation of two of the area's long established schools; FCJ Newlands Specialist Maths and Computing School and St. David's Roman Catholic Technology College. Both schools have been held in extremely high regard by the immediate and wider community. That position has been built up over many years as they established themselves as caring and inclusive schools that celebrate high academic attainment. I feel both fortunate and humble to have been given the opportunity to serve Trinity's community as Headteacher at this key time in its development.

We now have a unique opportunity with the opening of our £20+ million school to ensure that our children receive the very best education possible with resources and facilities second to none. Perhaps more excitingly having now expanded to include our very own 6th Form (previously St Mary's Sixth Form College) we can develop, in partnership with our primary schools a comprehensive 4-19 Catholic education strategy for all our children in Middlesbrough.

My vision for Trinity is a school that continues to be at the heart of the Catholic community, proud of its culture and its diversity, dedicated and fully inclusive in the school mission to support the development of young people through shared Gospel values. It will be at the leading edge of educational development and relentless in its pursuit of excellence.

It will be an 'intelligent' school that will learn as it develops and will not lose sight of important values. It will be a preparation for life and an important part of pupils' faith journey.

Our children will face the demanding world of the 21st Century with confidence and hope. They will be team players, imaginative, flexible and determined; they will want to shape the future not respond to it. The school experience will be exciting, demanding and enjoyable. Visitors to the school will find it welcoming, friendly and purposeful, where there is clear concern for the individual, a commitment to high standards and a place where complacency and cynicism are not tolerated. It will be a school where young people enjoy learning and teachers enjoy teaching.

I have a firm belief (to quote Nelson Mandela) that, 'we were born to manifest the glory of creation that is within us, it is not just in some of us, it is in everyone.' With this in mind our whole community must strive together to ensure our children have the opportunity to 'let their light shine'.

Peter Coady
Headteacher - Trinity Catholic College



A Catholic Community

Trinity Catholic College is 'An inclusive, learning community living out Gospel values'. We are a community in which joys and sorrows, successes and setbacks are shared.

Religious Education

A systematic programme of Religious Education is at the heart of the curriculum.

The course aims:

- To guide the individual in his/her growing awareness of their relationship with God.
- To hand on the heritage of the Roman Catholic faith and to make the experience of that faith accessible to our pupils.
- To examine contemporary issues in the light of Christian principles, to supply a response to some of the social and spiritual problems of today and to encourage a well informed commitment to specific moral teaching.

Pilgrimages and Retreats

Each year pupils are given the opportunity to take part in the Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. There will also be opportunities throughout a pupil's time at Trinity Catholic College to take part in residential retreats.



The Sacraments in School

Pupils regularly take part in planning and celebrating Mass in their Form Group, with their year or house group and as a whole school. There will be occasions where parents will also be invited to join with their children to celebrate Mass. Priests from our local parishes join us for these celebrations and at other times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Chaplaincy

The college has a full time Chaplain who helps to develop the spiritual life of the school through lunchtime prayers, liturgies and worship in the chapel. Our Chaplain is also available to support individual pupils in a safe and quiet environment.

Chapel

The college has a chapel on site which provides attractive locations for worship and a place for peace and reflection for pupils and staff.

House Groups

On joining Trinity Catholic College, every student will be allocated to a House. The House names are representative of four local Saints; Bede, Fisher, Clitherow and Hilda. Students will represent their House at various events including school sports day.



Teaching & Learning

Facilities for Learning

The colleges 'new school' opened on 1st September 2011. Access is planned via both Saltersgill Avenue and a new road Trinity Way accessing the college from Ladgate Lane (planned opening has been delayed). The sixth form students benefit from their own separate block, currently undergoing a significant refurbishment. In addition, we have our own 'vocational' block where some of our 'specialist subjects' work spaces are situated e.g. Technology. We have a dedicated 'support centre' offering teaching facilities and resources focused on some of our more vulnerable students. One to one teaching and small group work facilities are available here. We are hoping to expand our classes within this support centre to our parents.

The college has outstanding IT resources with some departments having their own designated networked computer rooms whilst all departments have easy access to portable, wireless laptops which are used regularly by pupils during lessons. All of our classrooms have interactive whiteboards as does our Learning Resource Centre which is also fully equipped with PC's as well as having an excellent collection of books covering many genres. Sporting facilities at the college are outstanding with a large sports hall, a fitness suite, activity studio, four tennis/netball courts, extensive playing fields and a world class 3G pitch. We take great care to look after all aspects of the health and safety of each of our pupils and have two lifts for use by disabled pupils with strong security measures in place throughout the college site.

Academic Organisation

Following a pupil's acceptance of a place at Trinity Catholic College, careful consideration is given when placing them in to a Form Group. They will be taught Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) in this group. Most other subjects are taught in teaching groups with one or two of these groups being specifically for pupils requiring support

with additional needs. The remaining groups will be of mixed ability although there may be times when very able pupils are also allocated to a single group. Allocation to Teaching Groups will be determined by prior attainment. In Mathematics, pupils are set by ability in Year 7. Setting takes place if appropriate in other subjects as pupils move through the keystages.

Curriculum

Following National Curriculum requirements, we teach a broad and balanced curriculum and aim to provide an interesting and stimulating educational experience to allow all pupils to fulfil their potential. Our curriculum is enriched further by the award of our 'Technology, Maths and Computing' specialist status. In Year 7, groups take French as their Modern Foreign Language and some students will have the opportunity to study German at a later date.

At Key Stage 4 (Years 10 & 11) all pupils study the core subjects together with the subject choices they make from a wide range of options. The core subjects include Religious Education, English (including English Literature), Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and a Guidance Programme. Pupils may choose one subject from a range of our specialist options. The option choice includes extra science which allows the opportunity to take examinations in three separate sciences rather than the Dual and Single Award Modular Science qualifications included in the core. An increasing range of vocational subjects is offered at Key Stage 4 including Business Studies, Child Development, Construction, Engineering, Hospitality and Manufacturing.

Homework

Homework is an integral part of the pupils' studies. It can be expected that there will be at least one homework task each week in academic subjects. Pupils are required to make a record of any homework given in their 'Pupil Planner' which should be signed by parents on a weekly basis. The aim in

lower school is to give your child the chance to develop work done in school by researching, watching, listening and experimenting as well as reading and writing. The quantity of homework gradually increases throughout their time at college with greater expectations of work being completed at home in the period leading up to examinations.

Support For Learning

We are committed to the inclusion of every pupil in the whole life of the school. Our Special Educational Needs department offers a wide range of support programmes both within mainstream classes and through support systems with dedicated staff. The college Primary Liaison programme sees staff working with our partner primary schools to identify any learning difficulties. Pupils with special needs are assessed and monitored throughout their time here. Outside agencies are available to support students and their parents. Trinity Catholic College invites parents to be actively involved at all stages of their child's education and are always welcome in college to discuss their child's needs.

Gifted and Talented

Gifted and Talented students are identified and activities are organised for those who are academically gifted and those who show the potential to develop other talents. A programme including a wide range of extra-curricular activities is being developed.

Reports

Students receive a report at the end of each academic year detailing achievement and effort in each subject as well as a pastoral report. The college also issues interim termly reports again detailing the effort and achievement being reached in each subject.

Target Setting

Each year students set targets with the help of their subject teachers and Form Tutor. They are expected to record all their targets, progress and achievements in their Pupil Planner. Early in the academic year, parents are informed of these targets. Targets are reviewed again later in the academic year to help pupils refocus for the next academic year.

Encouraging & Celebrating Achievement

Trinity Catholic College recognises the importance of rewarding pupils for their achievements and positive contributions to the life of the college community. A reward system operates throughout the college which leads to rewards on a day to day basis as well as significant prizes and certificates at end of term and other school celebrations. Pupils are regularly awarded for attendance, bringing the correct equipment and recognising the importance of being in full school uniform. Sponsorship from a range of partners also provides awards for academic, sporting and social achievement throughout a student's time in college.





Care & Support for your Child

Settling into life at Trinity Catholic College

Parents are often concerned about their child's transfer to secondary school. Our experience is that students settle in smoothly. We have a thoughtfully developed Induction Programme. During the final term of Year 6, senior staff from Trinity Catholic College, including the Pastoral Team who will be responsible for Year 7, visit pupils in our partner Primary schools. Parents are invited to these meetings to discuss all aspects of the transition. An information pack is distributed to all parents to help a smooth transition from Year 6 into Year 7.

Towards the end of the summer term all Year 6 pupils coming to join us in September are invited to college taster days. They meet their new classmates and their Form Tutor and receive an information booklet to help them make a confident start at Trinity Catholic College. We also hold an Open Evening at this time for both parents and our new students.



The close links we enjoy with our primary partners are always enhanced due to the college's specialist status awards in Mathematics, Computing and Technology.

Home School Agreement

Before students join us we ask parents to sign a Home School Agreement which lays down the responsibilities of the school, parents and child. This partnership plays a major role in ensuring high standards of behaviour and development, both intellectual and social. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns.



Pastoral Care

The college takes great care to ensure that all children are valued and treated with respect. This affects the way they respond and treat each other. We get to know our students as individuals; we make sure they are supported and know to ask for help if they have any concerns. Students are appointed a Form Tutor who is in contact with them during registration and Form periods and possibly as a subject teacher. For parents, the tutor is also their key liaison person. In addition, Form Tutors are co-ordinated by Pastoral Team Leaders who build close relationships with the house or year group as a whole. As students progress through college, Pastoral Team Leaders monitor their academic progress, behaviour, punctuality and attendance. They regularly lead house and year group in assemblies and organise social activities. There will be occasions when the Pastoral Team Leaders may need to work with parents to support a child's progress in school.

Pastoral Leaders have access to support from outside agencies. Parents will always be advised of support available e.g. counselling.

Pupil Planner

Each year students are given a personal Pupil Planner which provides a range of information on school life and allows a record to be made of homework, attendance, targets and school diary dates. The planner is also a means of home – school communication. Pupils need to bring their planner to school every day.





Preparation for the Future

Careers Education

Throughout their time at college, students are encouraged to develop an awareness of abilities and interests in relation to career choices as well as being given information relating to opportunities in further education, training and employment. We have a dedicated member of staff, our KS4/5 co-ordinator, who oversees all transition at age 16.

The college places much emphasis on developing our students' appreciation of the nature and demands of the options open to them after school. Our Year 11 pupils are given the opportunity to visit the Sixth Form College to take part in sampler days. Visits are also made by representatives of other establishments including Teesside University.

Work Experience

Pupils in Year 10 have the opportunity of work experience. This is organised through college with support from local businesses, parents and friends of the college.



High Expectations

Trinity Catholic College expects all students to follow high standards of behaviour and conduct in class and around the school. Rules relating to behaviour are clearly set out in the Pupil Planner and are repeatedly emphasised throughout a student's time with us.

When students make mistakes, help is offered to show how the mistake can be rectified and avoided in the future. We have a carefully considered policy relating to behaviour which includes a range of rewards and sanctions. The latter includes after school detention for repeated unacceptable behaviour or an isolated serious incident.

Uniform

Our students are expected to maintain a smart appearance and are always encouraged to wear their uniform correctly and with pride. The basic uniform of shirt, tie and blazer is the same for all students with colour variations in the stripe in the tie identifying a student's house group. The college uniform is available to buy directly from the college.

Pupil Responsibility

We constantly seek to give pupils responsibility for various aspects of the life of the college. Students make significant contributions through their efforts with charity work at different points in the school year.





Outside the Classroom

Sporting Success

Our sporting teams and individual students enjoy regular success in sports from local to national level. Students represent the college in boys and girls football teams as well as netball, hockey, rugby, cricket, athletics and cross country running. Our students are often selected for town and county teams and several have made a career in their chosen sport.

After school coaching is provided to develop individual interests and skill as well as supporting the development of the school teams.

Trinity Sixth Form

We hope many of our students will complete their education post 16 here at Trinity. We offer an expanding range of post 16 courses including AS Levels and A2 Levels together with a range of Level 3 courses e.g. Sports and Health & Social Care.

Further details regarding Trinity Sixth Form are available in our Sixth Form Prospectus.

Extra Opportunities

Trinity Catholic College provides an education enhanced by our wide and varied range of extra curricular activities which suit all interests and abilities. Our proactive staff team regularly organise trips and visits which further enrich our curriculum. Throughout each academic year, the college sees students making theatre visits, outdoor activity courses, skiing trips, Year 11 revision weekends and travelling abroad to France, Germany and the annual Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Pupils also have fully supervised access to our Learning Resource Centre and ICT facilities after school and during lunchtimes.





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