



Welcome

from the Headteacher

**"Strength is what we gain
from the madness we
survive."**



Life at Trinity in recent months has at times felt like madness. However, our school is a special place, where we come together to support one another amid the madness of COVID.

We have not just survived but thrived. Since we have been back we have ensured that every pupil has the support they need to succeed. Staff have ensured no child is left behind, teaching pupils online when they have been sent home to self-isolate.

We have launched our new rewards strategy, recognising pupils for their progress and contribution to school life.

We have also appointed four associate assistant headteachers, Mr Cheshire, Miss Hartley, Mr Murray and Mr Spence, and our chaplain Mr Kelly, who has an infectious enthusiasm for developing the Catholic life of our school.

Mrs Louise Dwyer
Headteacher

Inspectors Examine Trinity's Covid Strategy



In September we welcomed a team of Her Majesty's Inspectors into Trinity Catholic College. The focus of the visit was to scrutinise how we are addressing the needs of all our pupils and staff during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Our senior leadership team was able to demonstrate the impressive recovery curriculum, which has been developed to identify gaps in understanding and knowledge and the strategies we have utilised to bridge those gaps for our pupils.

"I have personally identified additional targeted resources and strategies for our school, including the use of one-to-one tutors, additional Information and Communications Technology provision and wider emotional and pastoral support packages being deployed by the college," says Mrs Dwyer.

The Ofsted visit highlighted how our staff had generously given up their time during lockdown to ensure that all of our children were supported in their learning and keeping safe.

With more than 5,000 parental contacts and an uninterrupted provision for vulnerable children and the children of key workers, we believe we have demonstrated a truly remarkable collective effort that reflects the school's Catholic ethos and our place at the heart of our community.

"My new leadership team also impressively set out their in-depth understanding of the key challenges of returning all pupils safely to school and how, within just a matter of a couple of weeks," added Mrs Dwyer.

"Within school, it is clear to me that behaviour norms and high expectations have been re-established at Trinity Catholic College."

The Ofsted inspectors' visit is part of a national programme focusing on the provision of education throughout the country during COVID-19.

We are delighted we were able to set out Trinity's highly effective approach during such a challenging period so coherently and impressively.

Chaplain Begins New Trinity Role

We are delighted to have welcomed a new chaplain. Mr Josh Kelly will encourage and foster the importance of our Catholic Identity and the Trinity family.

Mr Kelly's helped organised this year's CAFOD Family Day, which raised vital funds for people in the countries and communities that have been worst affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Virtual First For Open Evening

Due to the exceptional circumstances, this year's Year 6 Open Evening was held virtually, with a programme of streamed videos featuring staff and pupils.

Mrs Dwyer opened the event with her inspirational welcome message.

"Trinity Catholic College provides the best start in life, enabling students to confidently meet the challenges of the wider world," she said.

"Here, academic excellence is achieved in surroundings where relationships are based on care, trust and respect."

Further videos from the leadership team and curriculum team leaders showcased the great work going on at Trinity.

All the videos can be viewed on the NPCAT YouTube page.



Marsha Launches Diversity And Equality Programme



Pupils took part in an anti-bullying workshop with race and racism activist Marsha Garratt as we launched our Musical Action for Diversity and Equality (MADE) programme.

Teesside-based Marsha, a researcher, lecturer and public speaker, kick-started the exciting new project with a session covering the origins of racism, the impact of the media and music as a tool for solidarity and protest.

Pupils will complete three more workshops that will involve playing instruments, songwriting, singing and rapping.

Introducing Rewards Friday!

Trinity has introduced an exciting new rewards system to celebrate our pupils' achievements.

Rewards Friday enables pupils to earn points for progress in every lesson, as well as culture points for upholding the Catholic ethos of our school.

Successful pupils receive certificates for excellence in each subject area, as well as postcards to their homes and vouchers for exceptional progress.

Each week we celebrate the achievements of our winners on our social media pages, letting the world know how proud we are of them all.



The Power To Achieve



Our Achieve@Trinity programme is especially targeted at Y11 and Y13 but is here to help all pupils to make exceptional academic progress.

It includes a series of popular curriculum focus days, in which specialist staff revisit content that was initially taught during lockdown.

Pupils requiring more support have been invited to participate in a bespoke programme, while those who are excelling have been invited to join the High Aspirations group, where they receive personalised mentoring.

Exciting Comings And Goings For Sixth Form



This term we welcomed Mr Spence as the new head of Trinity Catholic College Sixth Form.

We were also incredibly proud of two of our Year 13 students who were accepted into the prestigious Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Max Kelly will study History and Politics at Pembroke College in Oxford and Brandan Hand will study Law at Girton College in Cambridge. We look forward to seeing them back here soon and hearing about their experiences.