Trinity School
Carlisle
Standards, Responsibility, Opportunity.....for All
Welcome to Trinity School

I am proud of our school. It is a vibrant and thriving community with a strong sense of common purpose.

Trinity is a place of high standards where responsibility for self and others is encouraged, and where there are superb opportunities for all our students to achieve very well indeed.

Students are at the heart of all we do at Trinity: their achievements academically of course, but also their well-being and their wider development as well rounded individuals.

We are a Church of England school, committed to the nurturing of spirituality and the promotion of Christian values through the experience we offer. We have lively, as well as historical, links to Carlisle Cathedral and to the churches and wider community within the city.

We hope that you will enjoy what you find in our prospectus and we look forward to welcoming you to the school and to working with you in the future.

Ms Jo Hawkin
Headteacher
At the heart of what goes on in any school is the learning that happens in classrooms and that is certainly true for Trinity School. Our classrooms and workshops are both traditional and ultra-modern, and have been transformed in the £20 million rebuilding of the school. Each subject also enjoys a Learning Resource Area with open-access computers and printers to help students develop their own research. We have two fine libraries, one of which serves the needs of our Sixth Form students. We run a Learn to Learn course in Year 7 to develop the approaches to study which students need to be successful.
To make sure that all students achieve the best results they can, we follow the progress of every one of them in each subject very closely through the school. Interim Reviews, interviews with students, Parents’ Evenings, Annual Reports and regular discussions with Form Tutors are important features of our partnership with Trinity families which is central to our work. Feedback in books, support from Year Group or Sixth Form staff, careers advice and guidance all help to move students forward so that they can realise their hopes and ambitions.
We are a traditional school and the pursuit of excellence remains central – we wish all our students to be and to become the best that they can. Individuals and teams are entered in local, regional, national and international competition, in sports as diverse as football and water polo, cycling and rugby, badminton and trampolining… but also in chess, and in music and the arts…

…. so we are competitive, as well as supportive, and we seek to bring out the best in all our students, wherever their talents and abilities lie, and to help them to overcome obstacles to their progress and success. We are a celebratory school, with an active Rewards system, inter-form competitions and Junior and Senior Awards Evenings each year.
We have all the advantages that being a large school brings – a wide curriculum, plenty of activities, a strong and committed staff across a range of disciplines – but we try to think and behave like a small village school. Each person is known, valued and respected, and that is true for staff as well as for students. Inspections have described this care as ‘exemplary’ and ‘exceptional’. Our Year Group system in the 11-16 school is key to that, with the Pastoral team of Head of Year, Year Group Tutor and Form Tutors able to give time and encouragement to each student, as well as forging the community of the House as a whole. Our Sixth Form staff and Form Tutors do the same in the Trinity School Sixth Form Centre. We also have a School Chaplain and Counsellor who provides an additional layer of support for students.

Mutual respect is key – everyone has an important part to play.
We take our name from Carlisle Cathedral and our partnership is a defining feature of the life and the story of the school. Year 7 students all visit the cathedral during their first half-term, at the end of which their welcome service is held there. ‘This is your cathedral’ the Canon tells the first years – and so it remains, through the annual Carol Service and the Key Stage 3 Diploma evening at St Cuthberts, right through to the Senior Awards Evening.

As a Church of England school, it is important that students have time and space to ask their big questions, to think, ponder and reflect. There are times of quiet which we try to build in to each day, so that staff and students from many different backgrounds and faiths can take some moments aside from the business of school life. Our Chaplain leads our collective worship and our links with Carlisle’s Cathedral and churches.
Our Sixth Form Centre occupies the fine Victorian buildings of the former Carlisle Grammar School, and these are home to over 300 students studying a great range of courses in preparation for university or employment. Over 130 students move on to university each year, and we hope that we have prepared them well, not only for their studies but for the wider life of university and beyond. We are a busy place, with opportunities for wider development through visits to London for Art, to India and Vietnam through the World Challenge Scheme or to the Netherlands through sports, Young Enterprise, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Trinity Arts and Theatre Company and work placements, along with involvement with the 11-16 school.

More details are found in the Trinity School Sixth Form Centre prospectus.
Our history plays a part in the present school and our traditions are deeply important to us. They are there in the names of our buildings (such as The Devonshire Hall and The Margaret Sewell Courtyard) and in the high points of the school’s year: the Remembrance Services, Sports Day, and our Carol Service. We tell our stories with our current students so that we are all proud of our school and maintain the quality of learning and of service which has been passed down to us by what has gone before.

We have also been thrilled by the £20 million rebuilding of the 11-16 school. This is now grouped around two landscaped courtyards, with state of the art facilities throughout the school.
Joining Us

We intend to admit 270 students into Year 7 from over 30 primary schools. The school’s Admission policy is on our website and the Admission Officer is happy to advise families who have questions about joining us.

We have a strong programme of induction which helps all students to settle quickly and happily into the life of our busy and vibrant school.

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If you would like to find out more ...

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