



TRINITY
CATHOLIC COLLEGE
AND SIXTH FORM

PROSPECTUS

Part of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust

WELCOME



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Trinity Catholic College.

As well as being a headteacher I am a parent and I am clear in my philosophy – if it is not good enough for my child, then it is not good enough for yours.

Our aim is to build on our strong Catholic ethos and ensure that all staff have a driving ambition to share their knowledge and enable every pupil to excel.

We are proud to have created an environment where pupils love coming to school because their lessons are filled with depth, creativity and challenge, within a modern campus that offers all the facilities they need to thrive.

We have established an ethos where children and adults alike can craft extraordinary work and there is no ceiling on our expectations from every member of our community.

The transformation that parents and carers can see taking place is underpinned by important changes to policies and procedures that help our pupils get the basics right – attending on time every day, wearing the correct uniform, being ready to learn and behaving well.

Academic excellence and exam success is important but not sufficient – we will ensure our teachers help your child to live out Jesus' teachings.

By working in close partnership as a family, we aim to shape a bright future for every one of our pupils.

“Only by changing education can we change the world” – Pope Francis

Louise Dwyer, Headteacher



OUR SCHOOL.

OUR FAMILY.

MISSION STATEMENT

At Trinity we follow Jesus, we build a family and fulfil our potential.

We focus on the 4 As:

Adoration – worshipping as a Catholic community is an important part of who we are.

Attitude – you can only succeed with the right attitude, a Trinity attitude.

Attendance – if you're not at school, you're not learning.

Achievement – when we get the other elements right, we believe you will be the best you can be.

TRINITY. YOUR SCHOOL OF CHOICE.



THE TRINITY FAMILY

Our house system enhances the college's family ethos. All pupils belong to one of five houses named in honour of holy men and women linked to our region – St Margaret Clitherow, St Bede, St John Fisher, St Hilda and Blessed Nicholas Postgate.

HAPPY PUPILS

Trinity is a happy and safe place to learn, with personalised intervention programmes, the groundbreaking #TrinityTalks anti-bullying programme and our PROUD Thursday event celebrating achievement, hard work and attendance.

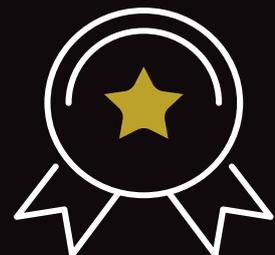


11-18 CATHOLIC EDUCATION

We are guided and inspired by our faith and offer the only opportunity in the local area for your child to continue their Catholic education from 11 all the way through to 18.

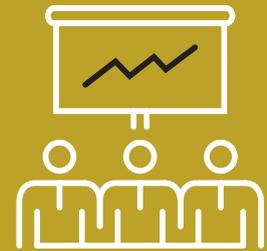
NEW LEADERSHIP

A new leadership team spearheaded by headteacher Louise Dwyer has introduced quality assurance and school improvement strategies that are acknowledged to be having significant impact.



A GOOD SCHOOL

The Diocese of Middlesbrough rated Trinity a “Good” Catholic school in 2018. In 2019, Ofsted inspectors say we are progressing towards being a “Good” school.

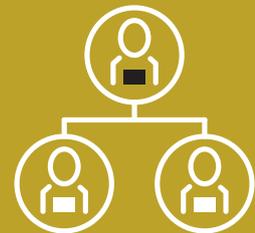


FIRST CLASS FACILITIES

Our stunning £20m campus features a dance and drama studio, recording facilities, chapel and our latest exciting development, “The Orangery” dining experience.

THE BEST IN MIDDLESBROUGH

Our intimate sixth form offers a broad and balanced curriculum with class sizes usually associated only with private education and the best results in Middlesbrough for value added at Key Stage 5 (16–18).



A RICH HERITAGE

We are proudly flying the flag for a rich heritage of Catholic education on our site – our alumni include Middlesbrough chairman Steve Gibson, civil servant and charity leader Sir Martin Narey, filmmaker Tom Marshall, financier Peter Middleton and musicians Chris Rea and Paul Rogers.

"Staff are positive about the changes that the trust and school leaders have made since September 2019. They comment on how they have been involved in the quality assurance and improvement strategies that have been adopted and on how leaders consider their workload and well-being."

- OFSTED, DECEMBER 2019





"The staff helped me on a social level, helping me to prepare for interviews and giving advice on what to expect from the professional world. Community projects helped me gain skills that I use every day when undertaking engineering projects."

– PATRICK HARRISON (TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE 2011–2018, CURRENTLY STUDYING FOR A MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP WITH ROLLS-ROYCE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD)



OUR JOURNEY BEGINS.

TOGETHER.

We understand how daunting the idea of moving to a new school can be for children who are happy and settled in their primary school environment.

That's why we work closely with children from the age of seven onwards to ensure that from the moment they arrive at Trinity, they immediately know they're at home.

Our teachers visit primary schools to deliver lessons in their specialist areas, while our taster days enable children to meet Trinity staff and

pupils and experience the secondary curriculum.

There are also opportunities for children to familiarise themselves with our surroundings by making use of top-class Trinity facilities such as sports and PE, science and food technology labs and our dance and drama studio.

PREPARING FOR YEAR 7

As parents and carers, you will be invited to an open evening with your child during the autumn term of Year 6 to hear more about our values, ethos and mission, see the outstanding facilities on offer, meet teaching staff and ask questions.

Visits can also be arranged during the school day so you can see us in action with a tour and the chance to speak to our pupils and see what life is really like at Trinity.

We also work closely with our primary schools so that by the time your child arrives, we know everything we need to know about their interests, strengths, areas for support and family circumstances.

There is extra support available for parents and carers of children with complex needs and our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SEND/CO) plays a central role in this process.

EASING THE WAY FORWARD

During the summer term of Year 6 we will hold a series of transition days to further ensure children have nothing to worry about when the big day comes and they begin their new life as part of the Trinity family.

This is the time when they will find out more about specific details about our expectations and information on school life, including attendance, uniform and homework.

A phased start to the term enables us to focus on smaller groups of pupils as we introduce them to our house system, which will serve them throughout their time at Trinity. Older children and sixth formers help us welcome new starters through our successful "Buddy" system.

By engaging with our children and families from an early stage, we aim to create a spirit of partnership and belonging whilst also enthusing pupils and sparking excitement in what Trinity has to offer.

As a result, moving to secondary school will feel more like moving house, as children will already be established members of our family.

ADMISSIONS

Trinity Catholic College was founded by the Diocese of Middlesbrough to provide education for baptised Catholic children. The college gives preference within our oversubscription criteria to the following primary schools in Middlesbrough – Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart, St Alphonsus, St Augustine's, St Bernadette's, St Clare's, St Edward's, St Gerard's, St Joseph's, St Pius X and St Thomas More.

The NPCAT Step 7 pathway supports families and children in all of our trust primary schools in making a smooth transition to their Catholic secondary school of choice. Applications for places at Trinity Catholic College are made through Middlesbrough Council.





WE LEARN.

WE GROW.

Trinity is renowned for its family atmosphere. Even before your child arrives for their first day with us, we have started getting to know them as individuals and planning how we can give them everything they need to flourish and reach their full potential.

Our parents and carers are also an important part of the Trinity family. We will keep you informed about your child's progress and wellbeing and make sure you know what's happening at the college through our social media channels, monthly newsletter, website and the My Child At School app.



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE AND HAPPY

All pupils are assigned to one of our five house groups and will remain in that house throughout their time with us.

The house system enhances the feeling of belonging to a family and all siblings are given the same house. Our houses are:

Bede

Clitherow

Fisher

Hilda

Postgate

Each has a head of house supported by an achievement officer, who will both come to know you and your family very well and be a key point of contact between you and school.

Within each house, there is a team of form tutors who have a central

role to play in monitoring your child's wellbeing and progress.

Pupils have 20 minutes of tutor time each day which enables their form tutor to keep a close eye on all aspects of your child's life at school. Tutors are the first point of contact if you have any queries or concerns.

We are committed to keeping all children happy and safe. Our designated safeguarding lead works alongside our child protection officer and we also have a specialist counsellor who supports pupils whenever needed.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Our curriculum is filled with passion, creativity and challenge and is designed to meet the needs of all pupils, enabling them to strive for academic excellence while also ensuring their spiritual and moral development.

It has helped us establish an ethos that allows our pupils to craft extraordinary work, with no ceiling on our ambitions for every member of our community.

Key Stage 3 pupils study a broad range of national curriculum subjects. Our pathway system then supports pupils with their choices during the transition into Key Stage 4 and their GCSE studies:

Core Subjects at Key Stage 4

English Language and Literature

Maths

Science

RE

Geography or History

Optional Subjects at Key Stage 4

We offer a wide range of optional GCSE and vocational qualifications including BTECs, with subjects encompassing the Arts, ICT & Computing, Languages, Sport & Health and Technology.

GROWING TOGETHER

Education of the whole child is at the core of everything we do. We offer an extensive range of exciting opportunities to learn outside the classroom, with clubs including:

Art
Book club
Chess
Choir
Cooking
Creative writing
Dance
Debating
Drama
Music
Orchestra
Science and environment

We offer a programme of inspirational day trips and residential stays both at home and abroad throughout the year, as well as the popular Duke of Edinburgh Awards programme.

Our superb sports facilities include extensive playing fields with fully marked out competition standard football pitches, a 3G pitch, six tennis courts, a multi-use games area and a gym.

Pupils can choose to participate in various sports clubs throughout the year including:

Athletics
Badminton
Basketball
Cricket
Football (boys and girls)
Gym
Netball
Rounders
Rugby (boys and girls)

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND)

We offer a graduated response to ensure no child is left behind and that all requirements are met. Additional support is triggered when pupils fail to make progress in line with personally identified targets or there are concerns from staff or parents.

Interventions may include smaller group sessions and specialised learning programmes that address issues such as dyslexia, spelling, reading

comprehension difficulties and social skills. Where pupils are still unable to make progress, the school will seek the involvement of external support services.

ATTENDANCE AND TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS

Parents and carers are required under the 1996 Education Act to ensure that their children attend school regularly and on time. If your child is absent, we ask parents or carers to telephone the school as early as possible each day. The law also makes it clear that parents must not take their child on holiday during term time except in exceptional circumstances and where this has been agreed in advance with the school.

CALLED TO SERVE

Belonging to the Trinity family means being part of our community. As our trust's "Called to Serve" commitment suggests, it is vital for us to make a positive contribution to our local areas and parishes.

Our chaplaincy group takes a lead in developing community links through initiatives such as fundraising, collections for



food banks, packing Christmas hampers for families in need, organising tea parties for the elderly and singing carols in residential homes.

We also value being a part of our local parishes. Our pupils enjoy attending services in college and mass at St Mary's Cathedral to welcome our new Year 7 children and their families during the autumn term.

THE BASICS

Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear our smart but practical uniform and to maintain an appropriate standard of dress and appearance for a learning environment. The colour scheme for our uniform is black, white and gold with an additional

colour in the tie to indicate which house each pupil belongs to. There is also a PE uniform.

Equipment

All pupils must have a pencil case containing a black pen, pencil, ruler, eraser and a school planner which we will provide.

Code of Conduct

All pupils are expected to abide by the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust (NPCAT) Code of Conduct.

Meals

Lunch and our Breakfast Club are served in our new dining room, "The Orangery", which offers a modern, relaxing environment where pupils can socialise and enjoy their meals together.

Transport

Pupils travel to Trinity from

across Middlesbrough, with some also coming from the neighbouring boroughs of Stockton and Redcar & Cleveland. Many travel by bus and we work closely with local companies to ensure that routes are as short as possible while allowing every pupil access within a reasonable walk from their homes.

All drivers are DBS checked and where possible they cover the same route each day.

We offer a discounted early bird payment system and siblings also receive a 50% reduction.

As part of our commitment to supporting our children's development we also provide a free late bus each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday so that all pupils can access the vast range of extracurricular activities on offer.



"Both my sons went through Trinity Catholic College and Josh is doing his A levels in Trinity Sixth Form now and loves it. Joe achieved 13 A stars and is in his last year at the University of St Andrews studying for a Masters in Maths. The whole ethos and pastoral care means that not only is it a great place to learn and study, but it has a real sense of community built around the Catholic faith. I could not recommend it highly enough and my sons are certainly better for their education there."

- PHIL LUKE

"At Trinity we are building a culture where every child loves coming to school because the curriculum is filled with passion, creativity and challenge."

- LOUISE DWYER, HEADTEACHER





MOVING UP.

MOVING ON.

At Trinity, we aim to provide excellent support to help pupils make informed choices about their future.

We know these can be life-changing decisions so we offer a comprehensive careers programme that will enthuse and inspire pupils when the time comes to take their next steps in life.

Through our Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship, Careers and Finance and Economic Awareness (PSHCCE) curriculum, our highly experienced careers team explores the constantly

evolving wealth of employment opportunities that await our pupils.

Pupils are also invited to attend a range of events with colleges and training providers, career fairs and Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) projects, as well as working with local employers, organisations and universities.

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE SIXTH FORM

Trinity is unique in offering young people across Middlesbrough the opportunity to continue their education in a Catholic setting beyond the age of 16.



Our intimate sixth form offers a broad and balanced curriculum including A levels and BTEC courses, with class sizes usually associated only with private education.

Small tutor groups mean personalised pastoral support – we know our students well and can offer them personalised and one-to-one sessions, goal setting and mentoring that may not be possible in larger institutions.

We are also able to identify any problems early on and involve parents where necessary to help students to make the right decisions.

Government league tables for 2019 show that Trinity Sixth Form students achieved highest added value in Middlesbrough - our students made more progress in their time with us than those attending any other college

in the town. BTEC results were also “well above average”.

The percentage of students who went on to study at Russell Group universities in the 2019 academic year was well above the national average and almost four times the Middlesbrough average. In 2020 students went on to both Oxford and Cambridge universities.

As well as having excellent relationships with leading local and national universities, we can offer work experience with students working in disciplines such as law, engineering, medicine and teaching.

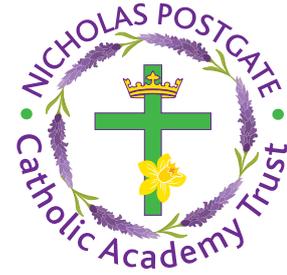
Students choosing not to go to university have accessed much sought after apprenticeships, with outside providers and agencies available to support students’ choices.

OTHER FURTHER EDUCATION OPTIONS

We offer impartial information and guidance and encourage students to follow the best options for whatever career pathway they wish to follow.

Our specialist partnerships include the Uni-Connect university outreach programme.

We also have close links with other Further Education providers that offer additional academic and practical options to our students, including apprenticeships, such as Middlesbrough College, TTE, the Northern School of Art and Askham Bryan College.



MANY SCHOOLS.

ONE FAMILY.

Trinity Catholic College - along with our trust's other three secondary schools - are united in their shared mission to offer the young people of Teesside and North Yorkshire the very best in Catholic education.

Being part of one of the country's biggest families of Catholic schools ensures that Trinity Catholic College benefits from shared expertise and resources, building on its own unique identity, heritage and ethos.

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust is firmly rooted in the community and has its heart right here on Teesside and North Yorkshire.

Our trust's vision is lived out in our schools. Their mission is to provide us with everything we need to thrive. The NPCAT Central Services provision offers comprehensive support for Trinity and all schools.

Attendance, Safeguarding and Welfare: supporting pupils in attending regularly and ensuring that children are safe and happy at school, so that they have the best possible chance of success during their time with us and beyond.

Careers: improving access to information and experiences so that every child leaving our schools has the knowledge, confidence and ambition to make

choices that will enable them to fulfil their potential.

Chaplaincy: faith is at the heart of our trust's vision. The chaplaincy service provides pastoral support to our schools and brings them together as a community.

Communications: facilitating consistently high-quality communications, both internally and externally, between the trust, our families and the wider community.

CPD & Performance

Management: investing in staff at all levels and giving them the skills, experience and confidence to deliver the best for our pupils.

Data: identifying trends and areas for improvement so that intervention and support can be targeted efficiently.

Estates & Compliance: providing safe and stimulating learning environments for our young people and the staff who work with them.

Finance: working strategically and efficiently to make our resources go as far as possible.

Governance: ensuring our

governors are able to support senior leaders, hold them to account and promote aspiration for excellence in our schools.

HR: recruiting and retaining high-quality staff is one of the cornerstones of our strategy to provide the best possible education for every child entrusted to our care.

ICT Services: investing in the state-of-the-art hardware and software needed to help our pupils learn.

Sport: extending our PE curriculum experiences and ensuring vast, varied and rich extracurricular provision.

School Standards: ensuring that schools are supported and overseeing an ongoing programme of visits that deliver rapid and sustained improvements.

Having access to our trust resources and expertise leaves Trinity Catholic College uniquely placed to provide a continuous journey of quality Catholic education for children from the age of 11 all the way through to 18.



MESSAGE

FROM THE CEO

As parents and carers, you need to be confident that the highest quality of leadership is in place before you make the important choice of the right secondary school for your child.

NPCAT has identified and recruited the most experienced and highly skilled headteachers and heads of school to ensure that this is the case.

By remaining within the NPCAT family of schools, your child can continue seamlessly on the rich learning journey they have begun in one of our wonderful primary schools.

A bespoke curriculum tailored by our in-depth understanding of every pupil's educational and pastoral needs from early years right through to sixth form is one of the many advantages of choosing Trinity Catholic College.

The trust's central support infrastructure, with specialist support in all curriculum areas and dedicated attendance, safeguarding, Special Educational

Needs and careers guidance divisions, among others is unrivalled in Teesside and North Yorkshire.

The ever-changing needs of our young people have been identified and the trust's significant resources enable us to offer continuous, high-quality provision, with dedicated teams ready to support pupils and families when it is most required.

As a trust we set the highest standards and expectations for our pupils and in return we provide a secure and challenging learning experience, where every child can realise their potential and ambitions.

Excellent behaviour systems help create a safe and nurturing environment with clear boundaries and non-negotiables

identified in advance, so that parents and pupils can look forward to wide and varied opportunities to excel.

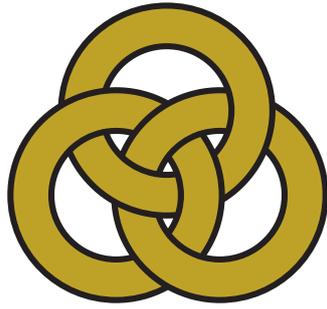
With our rich British values and strong Catholic ethos, all our secondary schools are places where equality, dignity and respect are central to everything we do.

We welcome every child, every parent and every visitor into our schools to share and celebrate the caring and stimulating environments created by our excellent teachers and staff.

We know our schools, we know our pupils and as a consequence we are best placed to walk hand in hand with you for the next seven years of this exciting journey of your child's life.

Hugh Hegarty | CEO

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