



# Holy Trinity College

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Principal: Mrs I Russell BA (Hons) MTD PQH (NI)

*A Specialist Sports and English Academy*

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Dear Primary 7 Parent / Guardian

## **Re: Year 8 Post Primary Admissions**

We are delighted that so many of you could join us on our Open Evening on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. We are equally delighted that your child's Primary 7 Class could visit us last Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February for our Subject Sampling Day. Both events were designed to give pupils and parents/guardians the information you need, to make an informed choice about Holy Trinity College and what it can offer to your son / daughter, should they choose to join us in September 2024. The College Prospectus is also available to view on the College website [www.holytrinitycollege.org](http://www.holytrinitycollege.org).

The Primary 7 admissions process for Year 8 Post Primary Applications opened on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. All applications must be placed online via the EA website [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk). The Admissions process will close on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February @ 12.00pm**.

Holy Trinity College believes that the transition from Primary School to Post-Primary School must be as smooth as possible, to ensure that your son / daughter continues to progress in an environment where he / she will feel safe, feel valued, feel nurtured and most importantly, be happy. Holy Trinity College is a vibrant school and we take great pride in what we do on a daily basis. Our core business is to:

- Build on the work carried out by your son / daughter's Primary school and receive a detailed profile of your child's ability and strengths in advance of their Induction into the College.
- Assist your son/daughter to access a broad and balanced curriculum at their own pace via a range of supports in literacy, numeracy, mentoring, small group work, one-one support, organisational skills, friendship building and so on, with the help of our Learning Support Team.
- Engage with Nurture Provision in The Haven, to assist with transition to a large secondary school; preparing pupils for learning; developing social communication skills; and improving pupil wellbeing.
- Engage in a broad and balanced curriculum, where those of high academic ability can focus on obtaining up to 10 GCSEs including Further Maths, Additional Science and English Literature, in preparation for A Level Study and Third Level Education.
- Provide a more vocational route with 'hands on' practical subject experience leading to apprenticeships, particularly in Engineering, and high-quality skills for future career pathways.
- Avail of support for pupils with Autism via a range of specialist strategies within the Sensory Room and thereby provide a sanctuary to feel calm, supported and focused. These supports are extended within the Specialist Provision Learning Centre for pupils with moderate or severe learning difficulties.
- Support pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 with a strong background in Irish language to complete their GCSE Irish Qualification at the end of Year 10.
- Engage with and extend learning beyond the classroom through a broad range of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities.



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- Prepare your son/daughter to be an active member of our Summer Scheme in August 2024, enabling them to become familiar with the College, build their confidence, and get to know the pupils in their Form class.
- Care for, support and treat each pupil as an individual via a positive reward system which will motivate and encourage pupils to develop their skills and talents to the full. An effective Pastoral Care system underpins Holy Trinity College.
- Above all, we want our pupils to be safe, valued, nurtured and happy; to enjoy coming to school everyday; and to be successful.

***“When your child looks forward to going to school every day to learn, gain skills, meet her friends and make new friends, then you know you made the right decision when choosing her new school. She was able to establish a great rapport with all her new teachers right from the start. The school also teaches the children social skills which are so important for their future lives and careers. Every day is a ‘happy’ school day in Holy Trinity College” Year 8 parent.***

If you have any further questions or wish to avail of a personalised tour of the College, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 028 8676 2420 or email the Principal, Mrs Russell at [info@holytrinityc.cookstown.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@holytrinityc.cookstown.ni.sch.uk).

We look forward to your son/daughter joining us in September and by working together, we can ensure your child is happy, well looked after, will thrive in every way and will enjoy his / her success.

Yours sincerely

*Isabel Russell*

**Mrs I Russell  
Principal**