



Holy Trinity College

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

A Specialist Sports and English Academy

12 January 2024

Dear Primary 7 Parent / Guardian

Re: Welcome to Holy Trinity College Open Evening & Subject Sampling Day

Your son / daughter has reached their final year of Primary school and the time has come to make decisions regarding their future post-primary school placement. Selecting the next stage of your child's education is one which requires careful consideration. In Holy Trinity College, we believe that the transition from Primary School to Post-Primary School should be as smooth as possible, to ensure that your son / daughter continues to work in an environment where he / she will feel safe, feel valued, feel nurtured and most importantly, feel happy.

Arrangements for the **Welcome Open Evening** are as follows:

Welcome Open Evening	
Date:	Thursday 25 th January 2024
Time:	7.00pm for 'Welcome to Holy Trinity College' Presentation in the Assembly Hall. Visitors should be seated by 6.45pm
How:	Present to the College in person.
Why:	See our school 'in action' with subject visits, a range of activities, speak to our students and staff, and learn about our new school build.
Anything else:	Ring the College on 028 8676 2420 if you are unable to attend on Thursday 25 th to arrange an alternative appointment and / speak to Senior Staff if you have further questions.

The **College Prospectus** will be available to view and download on the Website. A paper copy will be available upon request.

Should you wish to speak with any member of the Special Educational Needs Team, Learning Support Centre, Haven Staff (Nurture provision), Newcomer Team, or the Student Welfare Officer, please indicate this during your tour or by telephone to the College.

Additional Information:

- Holy Trinity College will 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.
- A Summer Scheme in August 2024 will enable your son / daughter to become familiar with the College, build their confidence and get to know the pupils in their Form class.
- Specialised Nurture Provision in The Haven assists with transition to a large secondary school; prepares pupils for learning; develops social communication skills; and improves pupil wellbeing.



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- The Learning Support Team will assist your son/daughter to develop at their own pace to access a broad and balanced curriculum via a range of supports in literacy, numeracy, mentoring, small group work, one-one support, organisational skills, friendship building and so on.
- A Learning Support Centre with specialist staff was established in September 2022 to support those pupils with moderate or severe learning difficulties.
- With a growing number of pupils diagnosed with Autism, the College established a Sensory Room in November 2022 to provide sanctuary from the outside world, and to feel calm, supported and focused. The SEN Department are working towards establishing an **Autism Friendly School**.
- Pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 with a strong background in Irish language will complete their GCSE Irish at the end of Year 10.
- Year 8 pupils will have an opportunity to combine Technology with Engineering, thereby developing high quality skills for future career pathways.
- In June 2024, new Year 8 pupils will complete Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT) which provides the College, with further data to identify academic pathways for potential high achievers in Year 8, as well as identifying those requiring Literacy, Numeracy and Special Needs Intervention, from a specialist team of staff.
- Holy Trinity College aims to create an environment where every pupil from 11 – 18 years, can enjoy their education, achieve their academic potential, work at an optimum pace with appropriate support, stretch and challenge, aim high, and follow their career pathway to Third Level education and beyond.
- As a successful and inclusive, non-selective school, we look forward to working in partnership with our parents for seven years to deliver the best educational experience possible for your son / daughter.
- As we eagerly await the completion of our new school building (May 2025), we will continue to build on subject delivery ensuring successful academic and applied outcomes, in addition to exceptional pastoral care. Providing a quality education will ensure our girls and boys are well equipped for society beyond school.
- Above all, we want pupils to be safe, valued, nurtured and happy, to enjoy coming to school every day and to be successful.

We hope you will be able to join us on our Welcome Open Evening to see and hear about life in the College. Logging onto the College Website and Facebook platforms, also provides an update of activities and events which pupils experience on a daily basis.

On **Friday 2nd February 2024**, arrangements have been made with your child's Primary School for Primary 7 pupils to further experience a range of subjects and activities in the College via a **Subject Sampling Day**. This continues our transition process to enable pupils be familiar with the College before they enrol in September 2024.

- A '**Subject Sampling Day**' has been arranged for **Friday 2nd February 2024**.



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- Transport will be provided from the Primary School (if required) to arrive in Holy Trinity College for 10.00am
- All pupils will have brunch in the College Canteen
- Pupils are asked to wear their school uniform and suitable footwear for PE activities.
- Pupils will return to their Primary Schools for 1.30/1.45pm
- Subjects on offer include:
Maths, ICT, Drama, PE, Home Economics, Technology/Engineering, Science, Irish, Music, Art, French, STEM, English, Religion, History, Geography

If you require any further information in supporting you and your son / daughter in making your decision to enrol in Holy Trinity College, please do not hesitate to contact us on 028 8676 2420. We look forward to seeing you very soon. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your son / daughter a safe and successful school year ahead.

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2024

We look forward to meeting you.

Any concerns, please contact the College:028 8676 2420

Yours sincerely

Isabel Russell

Mrs I Russell
Principal