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2024-2025 School Prospectus



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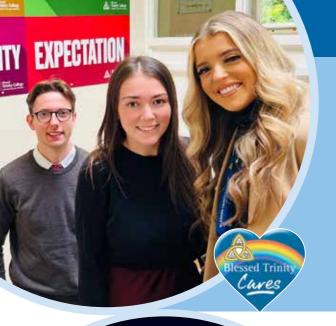












Our School Prayer

"In Blessed Trinity, the child is at the centre of everything we do."



Kindness [



Father,

Grant us the desire each day to do our best,

To grow closer as a school community,

Jesus, help us to be kind and just.

To be honest with ourselves as well as others.

Holy Spirit, help us to smile when we lose as well

Teach us the value of our relationship with you and the importance of belonging to a faith community.

College into our homes, our community and from this may we make our world a better place.



as when we win.

Enable us to bring the care of Blessed Trinity

Amen



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to welcome you to Blessed Trinity College and we are confident that you will find, in the pages that follow, a real flavour of everything that makes our school a second home for our students.

We are an all-ability school which is big enough to provide lots of choice, but organised in such a way to make it feel small enough for each individual to feel important and truly valued. In Blessed Trinity, the child is at the centre of everything we do.

In Blessed Trinity we pride ourselves in the friendly, caring atmosphere in which our staff seek to discover, nurture and assist in fulfilling the talents and dreams of every child.

We strive to ensure that each child receives a truly balanced education, and we seek to nurture and develop each student's unique gifts and talents throughout their time in our school.

As you read through the prospectus, you will see comments from our students and their parents; Blessed Trinity College is their school, their words and opinions have helped shape Blessed Trinity into the special place it is. We hope our prospectus will give you an insight into how we make every day a good day to grow, develop and prepare our students to fulfil their potential in life.

You can also keep up to date with day-to-day life in Blessed Trinity College by following our Facebook page -Trinity Belfast, X Twitter @TrinityBelfast, or by visiting our school website: www.blessedtrinitycollege.com.

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Principal





"A great team of teachers

who go above & beyond, to

"BTC social media

is vibrant &

current."

ensure our children reach



Parent Voice

Comments & Feedback from our Parent Voice Focus Groups



"BTC has a proven track record of consistent success in terms of standards & performance; this is testimony to the staff who help our children day-inday-out."

Schools Of Sanctuary status

awarded September 2021

'The teachers are the driving force behind our kids - they believe in our children & support their individual needs & abilities."

"Strong relationships, bonds & trust are forged from day one."

"There is a culture of success & celebration in BTC."

"1-2-1 support for our children, both emotionally & academically, is second to none."







BTC is a Multi-Award Winning School



Families First NI winner of Inspirational School for Outstanding Pastoral Care March 2023

"To do well, our children need to feel happy, safe & secure - they get that in bucket-loads in BTC!"

"Students feel secure, comfortable & reassured."



"BTC is a school to be proud of: our children carry that out into the community with them. Keep doing what you are doing - it's a little bit of something very special & unique!"

Digital Schools Award November 2022

"Team Trinity is a great outlet for our children to express their abilities & build on their talents."

"Excellent support for students with additional needs."

> "Our children speak positively about school at home & value their teachers very highly."









excellent!."

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Admission Criteria

for Entry of Students to Year 8 in September 2024

- **1.** Students who live in the following contributory parishes: (listed in no particular order): Holy Family, St Patrick's, St Gerard's, Holy Cross,
 - Sacred Heart, St Vincent de Paul, St Mary's on The Hill, Loughshore, St Mary's Chapel Lane and St Nicholas' Carrickfergus.
- 2. Students attending the following primary schools (listed in no particular order): St Patrick's, Holy Family, St Thérèse de Lisieux, Our Lady's Deanby, Cavehill Primary, Cliftonville Integrated, Holy Cross Boys, Holy Cross Girls, Mercy Primary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, St Bernard's, St James's, St Mary's on the Hill, St Mary's Star of the Sea, St Mac Nissis, St. Nicholas', St Vincent de Paul.
- 3. Students with a brother or sister who is currently enrolled in Blessed Trinity College (name & year group stated on Transfer Application).

- 4. Students who, at the date of their application, are the eldest child of the family to be eligible to apply for admission to the school. (Evidence will be required. See full Admission Criteria as published by EA).
- 5. Students attending other primary schools in North Belfast, Glengormley and Carrickfergus area (listed in no particular order).
- 6. Students who are brothers or sisters of past pupils of the founding schools (name stated on Transfer

In the event of over-subscription, admission will be determined on student's age, the eldest chosen first. In the event of two students having the same DOB, then distance from home to school, as determined on the proximity to the school i.e. straight line distance from home to school gate, as measured on Ordnance Survey Map.

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Criteria for admission to Year 9 onwards

Same as for Year 8 Admissions Criteria

Year **Admissions No Total Applications Total Admissions** i.e. All preferences 2021/22 195 220 210* 2022/23 195 238 200*

240

195

2023/24

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS





Uniform

As a student of Blessed Trinity, we wear our uniform with pride and to represent our school. Our school uniform is designed to foster a sense of identity, loyalty and belonging, and it is compulsory for all.

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Year 8 Uniform:

- ☐ Girls: Regulation blue skirt & black tights (Skirt length of 20 inches minimum. Length and shape should not be altered).
- □ Boys: Black trousers
- □ Regulation grey jumper
- □ White shirt with school tie
- □ FLAT black school shoes (no canvas, plimsoll, leather converse trainer style shoes allowed)



Sports Company 533 Antrim Road

Our uniform suppliers are:

Belfast, BT15 3BU Tel: 028 9062 5072

School Days 271 Antrim Road Glengormley

Tel: 077310 75163

Warnocks School Uniforms 791-793 Lisburn Road Belfast, BT9 7GX







^{*}Temporary variation in admission number



What does it mean to be a member of the Blessed Trinity Community?

Our Expectations

The Year 11 and 12 pupils spoke positively about the close working bonds they have built with their teachers. They said that they are trusted and recognised for their positive attitude and achievements.

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• CARE

We look out for each other

• INCLUSION

Everyone is valued

RESPECT

We treat each other well

RESPONSIBILITY

We show leadership in our behaviour & attitude

• ASPIRATION

We 'Dream Big' for our futures

• EXPECTATION

We want the best for ourselves & others

- We come to school every day on time, ready and willing to learn.
- We care for, value and respect ourselves, others and our school environment.
- We complete our work with pride and always to the very highest standards.
- We always listen and take turns to speak.
- We move safely and quietly on the left hand side around the school.
- We follow our school dress code and take pride in our appearance and uniform.

 We follow the school rules regarding electronic devices









Outstanding Care & Support

In discussions with inspectors, the pupils spoke with great enthusiasm about the Care Team. They reported that the teachers and support staff support their well-being and learning.

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The school's vision to be a caring, child-centred and inclusive school enabling all students to achieve success is reflected in the well-integrated care and support structures across all age ranges.

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Care Team

Who you can talk to on the Somerton Road Site:



Ms C Boylan AVP Junior School "We can't wait to meet you."



Mr N Carr Head of Year 8 "The Year 8 Care Team are always ready to help and sort out any



Miss A McAleer
Head of Transition
& Progression
"In BTC, we ensure that you are supported, stretched and



concerns you may have."

Mr C McGowan Assistant Head Year 8 "We will help you settle in and take care of all of your needs."



Mr C McAllister Safeguarding Leader "Your happiness and well-being are our priority."

Talk to the Designated Child Protection Teachers/Care Team.

Talk to your Form Teacher, Talk to the School Counsellor, or ANY member of staff you feel comfortable talking to. Talk to the Familyworks Counsellor - Referral forms are available from the front office - you can do this on your own or ask a member of staff to help!

Transition & Induction Arrangements

In Blessed Trinity, we are aware that your child's happiness in their new school is of paramount importance. To ensure smooth movement from Primary School to Blessed Trinity, our Transition Team organise the following:

- A teacher from the Transition Team visits each Primary School and engages with primary 7 pupils and staff.
- Individualised personal meetings are held for every new Year 8 student with their parent/carer.
- A comprehensive Induction Programme provides new Year 8 students with confidence and clarity about life in Blessed Trinity.

Outline of Care & Support Structure

Each class has a Form Teacher who is a familiar face for them throughout their first year in Blessed Trinity.

The year group has a highly experienced team to look after the care and welfare of our students; they are the Assistant Vice Principal, Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year. The Care Team takes a special interest in the personalised needs of each child, and will become very special in the lives of our Year 8 students. The Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year will be the first point of contact for parents and carers.



You may also contact:

- New Life Counselling: 02890 391360 N.I. Childline: 0800 1111
- Samaritans: 02890 664422 or Free Phone 116123
- Contact Youth: 02890 744499 Cruse: 02890 792419
- Lighthouse: 02890 755070 PIPS: 02890 805850

Our School Counsellors

Our two School Counsellors highlight the importance of emotional well-being in our school. Our counsellors are familiar faces to our students and provide one-to-one and group support, as required.

Home-School Links

In Blessed Trinity, we aim to build strong relationships between school and home, to support our students. The Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year, meet with parents throughout the year, to ensure progression and to nurture this vital relationship. Our parents/carers are invited to school performances, celebrations and events throughout the year.

Homework

In Blessed Trinity, we set homework regularly as this practice helps to develop good study habits and independent learning. Homework diaries are provided, so that parents, students and teachers can monitor application and progress.

Personal Development

Our PD programme is designed to promote students' selfesteem, personal talents and sense of responsibility. It helps students make informed decisions regarding their physical and mental health. The programme addresses issues to do with relationships, online safety, anti-bullying and substance abuse etc.

Peer Support

Our Post-16 Prefect Team play an active role in supporting our Junior students to feel welcome, safe and a true sense of belonging, in BTC.







Outstanding Additional Support

"Blessed Trinity College believes that a happy, well-supported student will achieve his or her full potential." "I really love working in the Learning Support Centre, I feel my confidence and skills have grown through working in small groups here."



Learning Support Centre

Our Learning Support Centre is designed to support work carried out in the classroom. It offers another layer of care and support. The **Learning Support Centre** is a safe space for students of all ages who may require additional **emotional** or **educational** support.



Students with SEN are supported in a variety of ways:

- Learning Support area facilitates literacy & numeracy programmes
- Learning Support Coordinator interview with parents/carers during Primary 7 Spring Term
- Use of external agencies & resources, as appropriate
- Team Around the Child meetings regarding individual student needs
- Transition Review and involvement of Careers Service in annual reviews
- Assistive Technology
- Exam access arrangements
- BTC Care Room & Nurture area during lunch

• BTC Sensory Room



Additional Support Provided for Learning

- Cognitive & Learning Difficulties
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Social & Emotional Difficulties
- Physical Disabilities
- Visual & Auditory Impairment
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- English as an Additional Language

Welcome Learning Hub

BTC Welcome Learning Hub provides additional learning & examination support for our newcomer students to promote & enhance inclusion, accessibility & progression.



Links with Outside Agencies

To support all students in achieving their full potential, we have well-established links with many organisations:

- EA (Educational Authority)
- Educational Psychology
- Peripatetic Support Service for Visual & Hearing Impairment
- St. Gerard's Outreach
- Learning Together Programme
- Blessed Trinity Emotional Support
- Ashton Community Trust
- EA Autism Intervention Service
- LINK Centre & Secondary Pupil Support Services (SPSS)
- Light House, PIPS & TAMHI
- Inclusion & Diversity Service
- EA Translation Service
- Family Works Counselling
- EA Reach programme
- School Nursing Service



FAMILYWORKS







Wrap Around Care for your Child at **Blessed Trinity**

Every Accomplishment starts with the Decision to Try!



STEPS TO SUCCESS

- Homework/Learning Club for each Year Group
- English & Maths Afterschool Support
- GCSE Saturday School
- Post-16 Portfolio Clinics
- The Brilliant Club-The Scholars Programme with QUB



- GCSE & A Level Easter School
- Learning Support Centre
- Subject Mentors
- Lunch & Learn Club







"Excellent teaching and brilliant facilities for our children in BTC."

Parent Voice

EXTRA-CURRICULAR LIFE IN BTC

Recreational Activities

• Table Tennis • Library

• Art • ICT Club • Football

• Dodgeball • 3G Pitch • Technology

 Horticulture • Pool

Performing Arts & Creative Dance

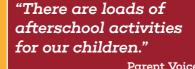
Music

- Choir
- · Traditional Folk Group
- Djembe Group
- · Private Voice Tuition
- · Musical Theatre Tuition
- Orchestra

Private Music Tuition Offered

- Drums
- Guitar
- Harp
- Flute
- Piano
- Clarinet Ukulele
- Tin Whistle • Bodhran
 - - Double Bass
- Trumpet
- Traditional Fiddle
- Cornet Violin

"The school is absolutely brilliant and I am happy that my child is making good progress."



"Keep up the great

work thanks." Parent Voice









Your Child's Emotional Mental Health & Well-Being: at the centre of everything we do

BTC Strands of care & support include:





PARENT **SESSIONS** ON THE **TEENAGE BRAIN**







FULL TIME COUNSELLING





INDIVIDUAL STUDENT **CARE PLANS**





TRAINING YOUTH WORKERS

Lifeline

"I know my

RESILIENCE



PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES

WRAP AROUND



"I know I can speak to any member of my Care Team if I am worried or concerned about anything."



RECOGNISING **ACHIEVEMENT STRATEGIES**

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT **PROGRAMME**



YEAR GROUP

CARE TEAMS

MENTORING



NURTURE GARDEN BTC CARE ROOM









"Thank

you for the

guidance you

have shown

continued support and















Our partners include

PEER













































































Head Boys & Head Girls

Blessed Trinity College

Student Leadership Team

In Key Stage 3, our leadership structure for each Year Group comprises of Class Captains and Vice Captains. It includes:

- Sports Captains
- Librarians
- Blessed Trinity College Ambassadors
- Digital Leaders
- Lunch Time Monitors

At Key Stage 4, we have Leaders who work to support their peers, and who are willing at all times to represent Blessed Trinity as proud ambassadors.

In Post 16, we have the Senior Prefects who work under the direction of the Head Boys and Head Girls and their Deputies. Head Boy and Head Girl are the two most prestigious positions in our student leadership team.







A Sport & Activity for EVERY BOY & GIRL **TEAM TRINITY**





Brooklyn Deignan Irish FA Academy

Tierna Lavery NI Karate Champion 2023

Izzy Thompson GAA Co. Antrim All Star

Rory McLarnon, single Mia Reilly and Cole Smyth figure handicapper Northern Ireland FC Junior Captain,





Learning & Teaching Environment

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD –
Planning for new school build
in progress

Learning & Teaching Facilities include

- Art & Design
- Departmental sets of Ipads and Chromebooks
- Drama
- Home Economics
- ICT
- Music
- Physical Education
- Science
- Technology & Design
- State-of-the-art Post-16 Study Centre
- Apple TV in all Learning Areas
- Clevertouch Screens in each department

Our On-Site Sports Facilities include

- Fully Equipped Gymnasiums
- State-of-the-art Fitness Suite
- 3G pitch
- Wide range of indoor & outdoor table tennis facilities
- Basketball courts
- Netball courts

An excellent library, staffed by an experienced librarian, provides facilities for study, reading and research. This is also the focal point for our **Year 8 Accelerated Reader Programme**.

A well-developed wireless network system, which includes ICT suites, network terminals in all classrooms, and promotes the integration of ICT across the Curriculum, including the use of digital technology such as iPads, Chromebooks and associated learning and teaching APPs. BTC has very recently received the prestigious Digital Schools Award in recognition of the school's excellence, in integrating digital technology into learning and teaching.

The learning environment is further enhanced through involvement in the wider community - local parishes, business, industry, and many other community groups; with educational visits to sites of historical, religious and cultural interest, forming an integral part of curricular provision in Blessed Trinity College.

We invest in and celebrate the ongoing professional development of our staff, ensuring that our provision reflects best and next practice.





Our business partners

Get Ready!

We aim to develop students who are Work ready,
Training ready
or University ready

In conjunction with the Training and Employment Agency and employers, experienced members of staff provide comprehensive advice and guidance regarding Further and Higher Education progression routes and career choices.

Skills-based experiences are an integral part of the curriculum, providing students with the opportunity to participate in relevant Work Experience placements, to enhance and support their learning and progression route of choice.

Our Work Placement Partners include:

- Local Nursery Schools& Primary Schools
- Merchant Hotel
- Europa Hotel
- Stormont Hotel
- Bailie Construction Training:
 Bespoke engineering placements working with specialist state-of-the-art machinery

Students who study Hospitality, Childcare and Engineering spend one day in a work placement programme learning essential transferrable skills for future employment.







A Seven Year Path to Success

Personalised Learning Pathways, to ensure every student achieves his or her full potential

The pupils at Post-16 recognised the very helpful staff who are caring and considerate of their needs, the range of subjects they can choose from and their enjoyment and appreciation of the value of the school's support circles.

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KEY STAGE

Primary Transition Programme

Read - Write - Count

- Communication
- **Design & Technology**
- Drama
- **English**
- Geography History
- Home Economics
- ICT
- Irish LLW
- Maths
- Music
- Numeracy
- Physical Education Religious Education
- Science
- Spanish





Pathways To Success

- Applied Science
- **Bench Joinery**
- **Business & Communication**
- Child Care
- **Contemporary Crafts**
- **Digital Technologies**
- **English Literature**
- Geography
- **Government & Politics**
- Hair & Beauty
- **Healthy Living**
- History
- Hospitality **ICT**
- Irish LLW
- Music
- Pâtisserie & Baking
- **Performing Arts**
- **Preparation For Adult Working Life**
- Science Double Award
- Science Single Award
- Sports Studies
- Travel & Tourism
- Technology & Design

Core Subjects

• English, Maths & Religious Education

Prince's Trust 'Achieve' Programme





KEY

STAGE

Step

Forward To:

University - Further Education Training & Employment

- Biology
- **Business Studies**
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- **English Literature**
- **Government & Politics** Health & Social Care
- History
- Hospitality & Catering
- Information Technology
- Maths
- Moving Image Arts
- Music
- **Performing Arts**
- **Physics**
- **Public Services**
- **Religious Education** Science Double Award
- Science Single Award
- Sports Studies
- Travel & Tourism

Step-up:

- Step-Up: 1 year courses with a 1 day work placement
- BTEC Extended Certificate In Engineering
- **BTEC First Certificate In Childcare**
- BTEC First Certificate In Hospitality

Cache: 2 year course with a 2 day work placement

 A Level course with a 2 day work placement in Children's Care, Learning & Development







Exploringthe World

"The school ski trip was an amazing experience for me and my friends."









Blessed Trinity College

School Performance 2022-2023

Key Stage 4 Performance 2022 - 2023

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Entered for 5 or more subjects 100% Achieving 5+ Grades A*- C 97.4% Achieving 5+ Grades A*-C 73.9% (including English & Maths)

The senior leadership team demonstrates skill and commitment as they continue the process of embedding an increasingly strong culture of improvement in pursuit of the agreed vision for the school.

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A-Level

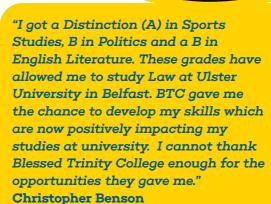
Achieving 3+ Grade A-C 85% Achieving 3+ Grade A-E 100%

BTEC National

Year 13 & 14 achieving the full award in:

Engineering 100% Hospitality 100% Childcare 100%

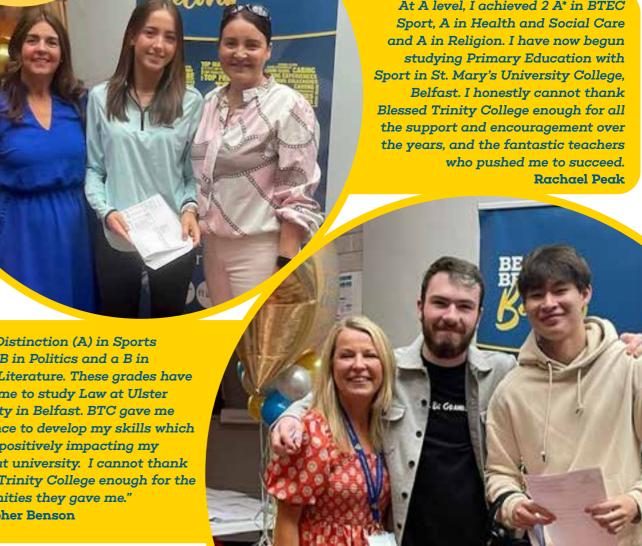






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At A level, I achieved 2 A* in BTEC





August 2023 Progression Routes

Our students accessed a variety of educational establishments including:

- Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC)
- Birmingham University
- Glasgow University
- Hope University, Liverpool
- John Moore University, Liverpool

Where they are studying the following courses:

- Manchester University
- Queen's University Belfast

- University of Central Lancashire
- Stranmillis University College
- St Mary's University College, Belfast
- University of Ulster
- University of Strathclyde
- University of Westminster
- North Umbria University, Newcastle

Accounting

- Architecture
- Barbering
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical Science
- Business & Multi Media
- Business Studies with Marketing
- Business with Finance
- Construction Engineering
- Construction Management
- Communication, Advertising & Marketing
- Computing Technologies
- Criminology
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Comunity Youth Work
- **Culinary Arts Management**
- Diagnostic, Radiography & Imaging
- Drama & Theatre Studies with Special
- **Educational Needs**
- Early Childhood Studies & Special **Education Needs**
- Electrician
- English with Creative Writing
- Environmental Science
- Film & Theatre Studies
- Forensic Science
- Game Design
- Hair & Beauty
- Healthcare
- Health & Social Care Policy
- Health, Physical Activity & Sport
- History
- History with Education

- Human Resources
- International Hospitality Management
- International Travel & Tourism Management
- Journalism, Media & Communication
- Leisure & Events Management
- Law
- Liberal Arts
- Marketing
- Mechanics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
- Medicine
- Mental Health Nursing
- Midwifery
- Music
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Plumbing
- **Politics**
- Post Primary Education
- Primary Education
- Religious Studies
- Science & Health & Social Care Sports Coaching
- Software Engineering
- Sport Coaching
- Sport & Nutrition for Health
- Sports & Exercise Science
- Textiles, Design & Fashion Travel & Tourism
- Youth Work



Let us help YOU, make YOUR DREAMS come true





• 2017 Head Boy & Head Girl Calum - studied an MSci in Biological Sciences with Professional Studies at QUB

Leah - enjoying a career as a Software Tester in Deloitte having studied Business Technology at UU



· 2018 Head Boy & Head Girl

• 2019 Head Boy & Head Girl Sean Og - studied Business Management at QUB







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Tylier - hoping to study Civil Engineering at UU

Piaras - hoping to study Law at QUB



