

A Church of England Academy



# Trinity School

an 11 - 18 international school



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# Welcome to Trinity School

We are proud of our school, which we hope that you will find to be a vibrant and thriving community, with many successes to celebrate and a strong sense of common purpose.

We are able to offer a broad range of curriculum choices and wider activities and visits, because we are a large and popular school. However, we try to behave as if we were a small village school, where every individual is well known, supported and encouraged.

We are a traditional school, with high academic standards, with a commitment to best quality learning and results in every subject. 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.

Alan Mottershead

Headteacher

# Lessons and Learning



At the heart of what goes on in any school is the learning that happens in our 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. We set by ability in each subject from Year 7 to ensure that we can challenge and stimulate learners of all abilities.

# Progress and Achievement

Our examination results have been improving year on year, and in 2010 and 2011 were excellent indeed at both GCSE and A level. 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, 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 House 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...



# Tradition and Talent

... 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-House competitions and Junior and Senior Prize Givings each year.

# A Commitment to Care

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 for students. Recent inspections have described this care as ‘exemplary’ (Ofsted 2009) and ‘exceptional’ (SIAS 2012). Our House system in the 11-16 school is key to that, with the House team of Head of House, House 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 nurse and a chaplain. Mutual respect is key – everyone has an important part to play.


# Cathedral and Chaplaincy

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 Senior Prize Giving, and the House Services, right through to the Year 13 Leavers' Service.

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.



# Trinity School Sixth Form Centre



Our Sixth Form Centre occupies the fine Victorian buildings of the former Carlisle Grammar School, and these are home to over 350 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 thriving international links to Prague or Venice for Art, to our partner schools in Uganda, on exchange with our link schools in New Hampshire, or through sports, Young Enterprise, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Trinity Arts and Theatre Company, work placements, along with involvement with the 11-16 school.

More details are found in the Trinity School Sixth Form Centre brochure.

# Old School, New School

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 at our three memorials, Sports Day, our Carol Service and Prize Givings. 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 past 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 fine courtyards, with state of the art facilities throughout the school. We are also gladly in the process of landscaping our 30 acres of grounds, including an orchard.

# Joining Us

We admit 240 students into Year 7 each year from over 30 primary schools. While we are full it is usual for everyone who wishes to have a place here to obtain one. The school's Admission policy is on our website and the headteacher is happy to advise families who have questions about joining us.

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



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## If you would like to find out more ...

Please call us to arrange a visit to the school for a look round.  
Contact Mrs Paula Hubberstey on 01228 516051 (extension 221)  
or by email to [phu@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:phu@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk)

Visit our website: [www.trinity.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.trinity.cumbria.sch.uk)

Come along to our Open Evenings, details of which  
are on the website and advertised in the local press.



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