



# Blessed Trinity College

2022-2023 School Prospectus

# BE HERE BE YOU Belong



# Blessed Trinity College

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# Our School Prayer

*“In Blessed Trinity, the child is at the centre of everything we do.”*



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 as when we win.  
Teach us the value of our relationship with you and the importance of belonging to a faith community.  
Enable us to bring the care of Blessed Trinity College into our homes, our community and from this may we make our world a better place.

**Amen**



# Welcome to our School

Dear Parent/Carer,  
I am delighted to welcome you to Blessed Trinity College and I am 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; Blessed Trinity College is their school, their words and opinions have helped shape Blessed Trinity into the special place it is. I 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, Twitter @TrinityBelfast, or by visiting our school website: [www.blessedtrinitycollege.com](http://www.blessedtrinitycollege.com).

*Jim McKeever*  
Jim McKeever  
Principal



Aisling Award Winners December 2021 for Outstanding Achievement In Education



Schools Of Sanctuary status awarded September 2021



# Admission Criteria

## for Entry of Students to Year 8 in September 2022



# Blessed Trinity College



# 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.

### Year 8 Uniform:

- Girls: Regulation blue skirt & black tights
- Boys: Black trousers
- Regulation grey jumper
- White shirt with school tie
- FLAT black school shoes (no canvas, plimsoll, leather converse trainer style shoes allowed)
- School blazer
- Appropriate School bag
- School scarf (Optional)
- Outdoor School coat (Optional)

### P.E. Uniform:

- Regulation blue shorts or black skinny tracksuit bottoms
- Regulation blue polo-shirt or round neck t-shirt
- Trainers with school P.E. socks
- Swimsuit or swimming shorts & towel
- Half zip (Optional)



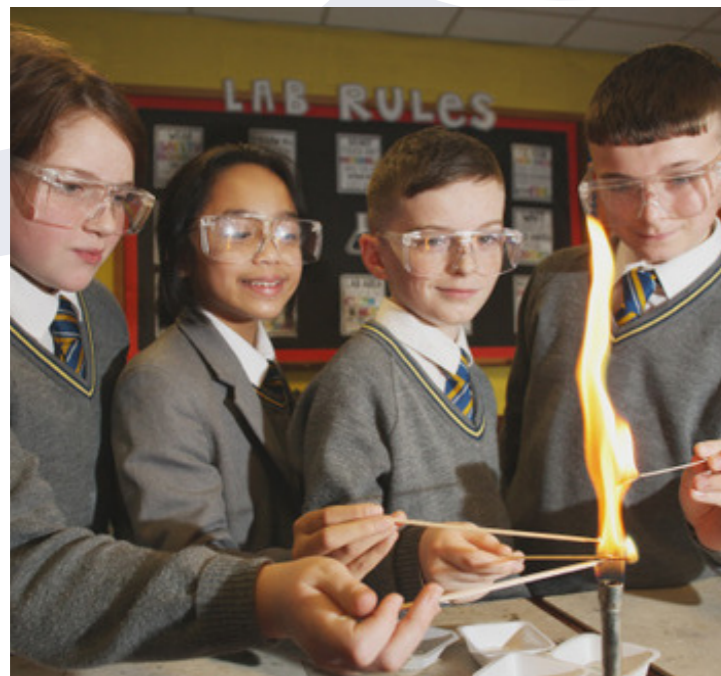
1. Students who live in the following contributory parishes: Holy Family, St Patrick's, St Gerard's, Holy Cross, Sacred Heart, St Vincent de Paul, St Mary's on The Hill, Loughshore, St Mary's Chapel Lane and St Nicholas' Carrickfergus.
2. Students attending the following primary schools (listed in no 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 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.
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 Application).

**Criteria for admission to Year 9 onwards**  
Same as for Year 8 Admissions Criteria

### APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>ie. All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2019/20	195	215	209*
2020/21	195	216	204*
2021/22	195	220	210*

\*Temporary variation in admission number



### Our uniform suppliers are:

#### Truly Fare

395 Antrim Road  
Belfast, BT15 3BG  
Tel: 028 9074 0376

#### The Jeanery & The Schoolroom

2 Golland Buildings  
Glencairn Park  
N/abbey, BT36 5EN  
Tel: 028 90 830880

#### Sports Company

City Side  
Belfast, BT15 1WA  
Tel: 028 9035 1917

#### School Days

271 Antrim Road  
Glengormley  
BT36 7QN  
Tel: 077310 75163

#### Warnocks School Uniforms

791-793 Lisburn Road  
Belfast, BT9 7GX  
Tel: 02890381828



# BTC Core Values

*“Our Core Values of Care & Inclusion, Respect & Responsibility, and Aspiration & Expectation are central to everything we do.”*

# 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.*

Inspection Report, January 2019



## Care & Inclusion:

Our Core Values are lived out by each member of staff and student in our school – we are very much a community in Blessed Trinity, where Care and Inclusion are so important to us. Blessed Trinity is a place where all are included, and where every child has the chance to succeed and achieve his/her dreams.

## Respect & Responsibility:

We see education as enabling our students to grow into mature and responsible adults. Respect and responsibility are central to how we treat each other and how we ensure our school is a place where every person is valued.

## Aspiration & Expectation:

We have high hopes for every student and we encourage them always to aspire to great things for themselves.

*Dream Big*



- 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.



smile **OFTEN**  
 think **POSITIVELY**  
 give **THANKS**  
 laugh **LOUDLY**  
 love **OTHERS**  
 dream **BIG**



# 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.*

Inspection Report, January 2019

*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.*

Inspection Report, January 2019



## Care Team

### Who you can talk to on the Somerton Road Site

Remember, there is **always** someone in school you can talk to!



**Ms C Bateson**  
Head of Year 8



**Mrs O Hickey**  
Assistant Head of Year 8



**Mrs J McAloran**  
Head of Year 9



**Mr C O'Grady**  
Assistant Head of Year 9



**Mr G McGuigan**  
AVP Year 10



**Mrs O Meehan**  
Head of Year 10



**Mrs N McKee**  
Assistant Head of Year 10



**Ms C Boylan**  
AVP Junior School



**Miss A McAleer**  
Head of Transition & Progression



**Mr C McAllister**  
Safeguarding Manager

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!

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

## 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.



## 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 support progress and to nurture this vital relationship. Our parents/carers are invited to school performances, celebrations and events throughout the year.

## Year 8 Enrichment Programme

Our Year 8 students follow a varied and vibrant programme that allows them to develop broad life skills and personal capabilities, that are valued by future employers:

- First Aid
- Survival Skills & Teamwork
- Mindfulness & Mental Health
- Nutrition
- Fitness
- Social Responsibility
- Resilience & Positive Choices

## 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 encourage students' self-esteem, personal talents and personal 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.



Year 8 Digital Leaders



## 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 the work carried out in the classroom. It offers another layer of care and support, and indeed is a ‘nurture centre’ for those students who, at times, may benefit from a quiet space. The **Learning Support Centre** is fully staffed, and 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 including:

- Learning Support & Nurture Centre facilitating literacy & numeracy programmes
- Learning Support Coordinator interview with parents/carers during Primary 7 Spring Term
- Relevant information gathered from Primary Schools
- Educational advice acquired from relevant Education Authority & other agencies
- Use of external agencies & resources, as appropriate
- Statemented students have an Annual Review scheduled in Term 2
- **Team Around the Child** meetings regarding individual student needs
- Regular meetings with parents/carers throughout the school year
- Staff are made aware of information from a student's statement to inform planning, learning, teaching, assessment & feedback
- Transition Review and involvement of Careers Service before the student reaches 16 years of age
- Stage 3 Review Meetings
- Personal Educational Plans
- Blessed Trinity Emotional Support
- Assistive Technology
- Exam access arrangements
- BTC Care Room & nurture area during lunch & break



### Additional Support Provided for Learning

- Mild & Moderate Learning Difficulties
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Social & Emotional Difficulties
- Physical Disabilities
- Visual & Auditory Impairment
- Medical Care Plans
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- English as an Additional Language
- Counselling

### Links with Outside Agencies

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

- EA (Educational Authority)
- Educational Psychology
- Education Welfare Service
- 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
- Social Services
- Inclusion & Diversity Service
- EA Translation Service
- Family Works Counselling
- EA Reach programme
- School Nursing Service

### Welcome Learning Hub

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





# Wrap Around Care for your Child at Blessed Trinity



## STEPS TO SUCCESS

- Homework Club For Each Year Group
- English & Maths Afterschool Support
- GCSE Saturday School
- Post-16 Portfolio Clinics
- GCSE & A Level Easter School
- Learning Support Centre
- Subject Mentors
- The Brilliant Club-The Scholars Programme with QUB



*"Excellent teaching and brilliant facilities for our children in the school."*



The Brilliant Club visit to Trinity College Dublin

## TEAM TRINITY

- Extra-curricular Sporting Activities
- GAA Academy
- Soccer Academy
- Dance/Aerobic
- Basketball
- Netball
- Boxing
- Cross Country Running
- Fitness Suite
- Yoga
- Hurling
- Gaelic
- Rugby



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

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR LIFE IN BTC

### Recreational Activities

- Table Tennis
- Art
- Football
- 3G Pitch
- Pool
- Library
- ICT Club
- Dodgeball
- Technology
- Horticulture

### Performing Arts & Creative Dance

#### Music

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

#### Private Music Tuition Offered

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



*"Keep up the great work thanks."*

*"There are loads of afterschool activities for our children."*

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

BTC Strands of care & support include:



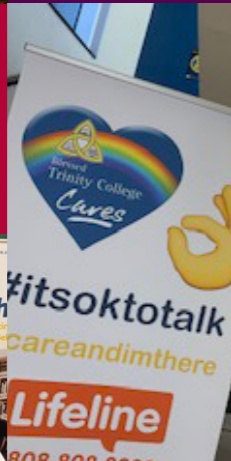
PARENT SESSIONS ON THE TEENAGE BRAIN



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAMS

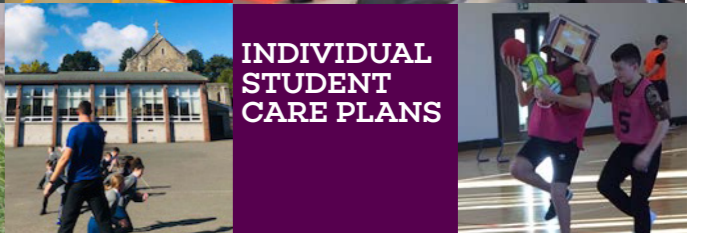


RESILIENCE TRAINING  
YOUTH WORKERS



## IT'S OK NOT TO BE OK.

COMMUNITY LINKS  
FULL TIME COUNSELLING  
WELL-BEING EVENTS



INDIVIDUAL STUDENT CARE PLANS



"My child is very well supported in a loving school."

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES  
WRAP AROUND CARE



"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



"I know my Form Teacher is always there to help."



"Thank you for the continued support and guidance you have shown our child."



**FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING**

- GIVE**: Your time, your words, your presence
- BE ACTIVE**: Do what you can, enjoy what you do, move your mood
- KEEP LEARNING**: Embrace new experiences, see opportunities, surprise yourself
- CONNECT**: Talk & listen, be there, feel connected
- TAKE NOTICE**: Remember the simple things that give you joy

INTRODUCE THESE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS. Mental Health Foundation

### Our partners include







# Blessed Trinity College

## Student Leadership Team



*"BTC Student Leaders are proud ambassadors of our school community."*



### Head Boy & Head Girl



### Wholeschool Leaders



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

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 Boy and Girl and their Deputies. The Head Boy and Head Girl are the two most prestigious positions in our student leadership team.



Josh Briggs  
Irish FA  
JD Academy

Ciaran O'Neill  
Co. Antrim  
Boxing &  
Gaelic football

Izzy Thompson  
GAA Co. Antrim  
All Star

Rory McLarnon, single  
figure handicapper  
Future Junior Captain,  
Fortwilliam Golf Club  
2022-2023

Fi Morgan  
Cliftonville Ladies FC



# Learning & Teaching Environment

**EXCITING TIMES AHEAD – Planning for new school build in progress**



Our business partners

## Get Ready!



### Learning & Teaching Facilities include

- Art & Design
- Drama
- Home Economics
- ICT
- Music
- Physical Education
- Science
- Technology & Design
- State-of-the-art Post-16 Study Centre
- Apple TV in all Learning areas

### Our On-Site Sports Facilities include

- Fully Equipped Gymnasiums
- Fully equipped fitness suite
- State-of-the-art 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 and associated learning and teaching APPs.

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 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.

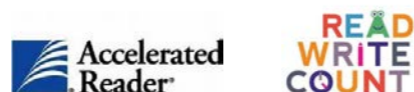
Skills-based experiences are an integral part of the curriculum, providing students with the opportunity to participate in relevant Work Experience placements, to enhance and support their learning and progression route of choice.



### Our Work Placement Partners include:

- Local Nursery Schools & Primary Schools
- Merchant Hotel
- Europa Hotel
- Stormont Hotel
- Impact 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 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.* Inspection Report, January 2019



**KEY  
STAGE  
3**

### Primary Transition Programme

#### READ, WRITE, COUNT

Art & Design, Design & Technology, Drama, English, Enrichment, Geography, History, Home Economics, ICT, Irish, Literacy, LLW, Maths, Music, Numeracy, Physical Education, Religious Education, Science, Spanish

**KEY  
STAGE  
4**

### PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Applied Science, Art, Bench Joinery, Business & Communication, Child Care, Contemporary Crafts, English Literature, Geography, Hair & Beauty, Healthy Living, History, Hospitality, ICT, Irish, LLW, Music, Patisserie & Baking, Performing Arts, Preparation For Adult Working Life, Science Double Award, Science Single Award, Spanish, Sports Studies, Travel & Tourism, Technology & Design, Works

Core Subjects - English, Maths, Religious Education

Prince's Trust 'Achieve' Programme - Available To Pathway 1 Students (the equivalent of 2 GCSE grades)

**POST  
16**

### STEP FORWARD TO:

University - Further Education - Training & Employment

Advanced Level - 2 Year Course

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

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

Children's Care, Learning & Development






## Exploring the World

*“The school ski trip was an amazing experience for me and my friends.”*

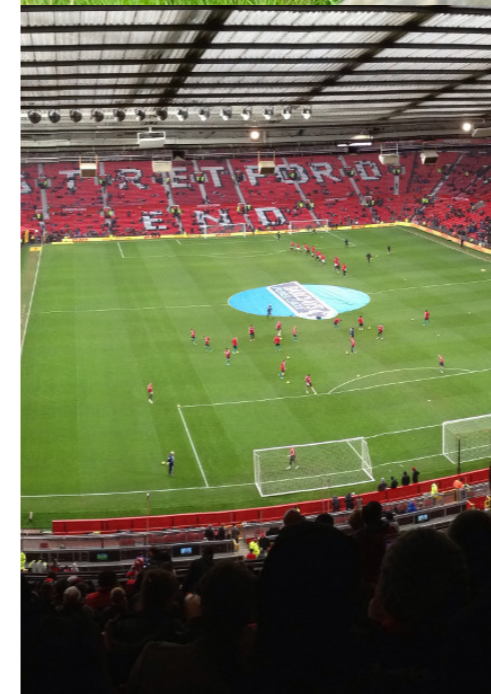
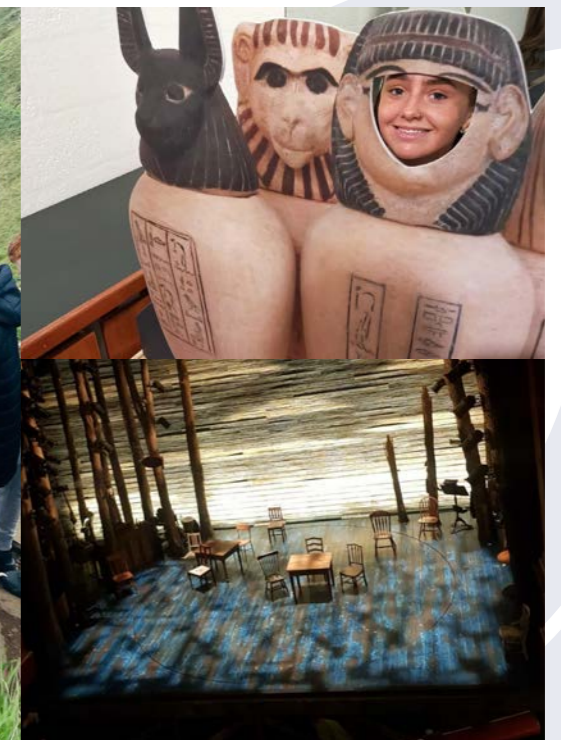


### Educational Experiences at Blessed Trinity

Educational visits are numerous and varied, and are an exciting extension to, and enhancement of, day-to-day school routine which support the delivery of the curriculum and include: field trips, theatre visits, University Open Days, outdoor pursuits and BTC Ski trip.

Keep an eye on our  Facebook page “Trinity Belfast” for information about our up and coming trips abroad. A few to highlight are:

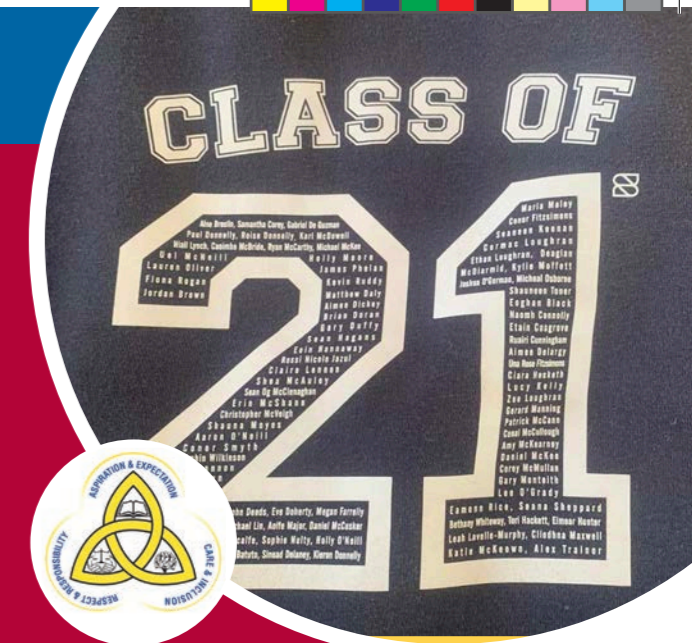
- **London:** BTC Drama trip to the West End to see Performing Arts & Creative Dance in a real life context.
- **Italy:** the school ski trip, developing our sporting expertise, cultural and linguistic experiences.
- **Africa:** a group of our young people have travelled to South Africa to help build houses in developing communities on the other side of the globe; once again, linking seamlessly with our Core Values of care, inclusion, respect and responsibility.
- **Poland:** an annual History and Religious Education trip to visit Krakow and Auschwitz.
- **Football Trip:** to see Manchester United play at Old Trafford.





# August 2021 Progression Routes

*"I am over the moon with my A Level results, 2 A\*s and 1 B. The support from my teachers was amazing. I am now training to be an RE teacher at St. Mary's University College, Belfast"* Lucy Kelly



**Our students accessed a variety of educational establishments including:**

- Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC)
- Cardiff Metropolitan
- Glasgow University
- Hope University, Liverpool
- John Moore University, Liverpool
- Manchester University
- Queen's University Belfast
- University of Stirling
- Stranmillis University College
- St Mary's University College, Belfast
- University of Ulster
- University of Warwick
- University of Westminster

**Where they are studying the following courses:**

- 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
- Community Youth Work
- Culinary Arts Management
- Diagnostic, Radiography & Imaging
- Drama & Theatre Studies with Special Educational Needs
- Early Childhood Studies & Special Education Needs
- Electrician
- English
- English with Creative Writing
- Environmental Science
- Film & Theatre Studies
- Game Design
- Games Development
- Hair & Beauty
- Healthcare
- Health & Social Care Policy
- Health, Physical Activity & Sport
- History
- History with Education
- Human Resources
- Hospitality
- ICT
- International Hospitality Management
- International Travel & Tourism Management
- Joinery
- Journalism
- Leisure & Events Management
- Law
- Liberal Arts
- Marketing
- Mechanics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
- Medicine
- Mental Health Nursing
- Multi-Media Computing
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Plumbing
- Politics
- Post Primary Education
- Primary Education
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Science
- Science & Health & Social Care Sports Coaching
- Social Policy with Sociology
- Software Engineering
- Sport Coaching
- Sport & Nutrition for Health
- Sports & Exercise Science
- Theology
- Travel & Tourism
- Youth Work





Blessed Trinity College

## School Performance 2020-2021

*"I got 2 A\* grades and 1 A at A Level. The support I got from my teachers helped make my dream come true. I am now studying Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at University of Ulster"* Matthew Daly



### Key Stage 4 Performance 2020 - 2021

#### GCSE

Entered for 5 or more subjects	100%
Achieving 5+ Grades A*- C	96.2%
Achieving 5+ Grades A*-C (including English & Maths)	73.9%

### Post-16 Performance 2020 - 2021

#### A-Level

Achieving 3+ Grade A-C	95.3%
Achieving 3+ Grade A-E	100%

#### BTEC National

Year 13 & 14 achieving the full award in:

Engineering	100%
Hospitality	100%
Childcare	100%

*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.*

Inspection Report, January 2019

