

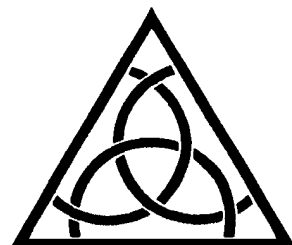
Trinity Christian School

Prospectus



**‘Bringing the love of God
into the Classroom’**

**‘Enabling each Pupil to achieve their
God given potential’**



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WELCOME

Trinity is a wonderful place; it offers a warm and caring environment in which each pupil can be taught as an individual. Small Class sizes, affordable fees and family discounts.

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make. Your child will spend approximately 6 hours a day at school, for over 11 years of their lives. Making the right choice is essential. We believe that Trinity Christian School offers families a real alternative to state education which changes rapidly with the ever evolving political landscape. Trinity Christian School offers an educational environment where every child is accepted and every teacher works to ensure that pupils achieve their God given potential.

Since 1978 Trinity Christian School has provided unique education for the young people who have attended: challenging academically, but in an atmosphere that recognises that personal and spiritual growth are also important. We aim to prepare our students to be successful in colleges and careers and to prepare them for lives of service and leadership.

To achieve this aim, we believe in building a community of parents, teachers and students, working together in a home / school partnership. This partnership ensures that every child's gifts and talents are rewarded and developed in a nurturing, purposeful environment.

When parents begin the search for a school that will match their expectations of what education should offer, atmosphere, opportunities, the quality of the curriculum, the philosophy of the school, the exam results all come into play as important factors.

For a family searching for a curriculum which emphasises Christian values along with a serious academic programme, we believe Trinity Christian School offers something special. It is a place where students come to feel confident that they are receiving a good preparation for life.

We would encourage all families interested in applying to come and visit the school where you will experience first hand the atmosphere built upon Christian values, the friendly and nurturing environment and the stimulating and challenging work.



Headteacher: Mr O'Gorman & Assistant Head: Mrs Bamford

The school's outstanding pastoral care is rooted in the belief that every child is a gift from God and that each has unique talents, abilities and aspirations.

One of the many strengths of the school is its commitment to small class sizes. For many subjects, especially at GCSE level, pupils are often taught in even smaller groups, allowing pupils to reach their potential.

Trinity is a non-selective school and values every pupil, whether he or she is academically very able or has gifts and talents in other areas.

THE AIMS AND ETHOS

Trinity Christian School's motto is "bringing the love of God into the classroom" and "Enabling each pupil to achieve their God given potential"; it is our aim to provide academically rigorous, Christian values based education in order to ensure that every child achieves their God given potential.

You can therefore expect a high standard of academic progress according to the child's age and ability, achieved in a pleasant atmosphere of care for the pupil. We ensure regular contact between home and school because as parents you put your child in our care. We see school then as, fundamentally, an extension of the home. The liaison between home and school includes regular reports and consultation.

Our purpose is to work with parents in helping their children to grow mentally, physically, spiritually and socially in accordance with Christian values, and to enable them to thrive in today's society. We seek to achieve this in a loving, disciplined environment, through committed teachers committed to high standards, and offering a Christian values based curriculum that prepares pupils for their responsibilities in the family, community and modern Britain.

This working together can best be fulfilled as you visit the school, ask constructive questions about our work, reply promptly to correspondence and support school activities. The school is always glad to receive practical offers of help when needed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: A WORD OF EXPLANATION

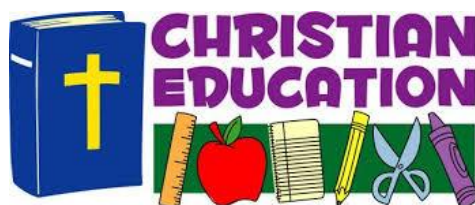
The Bible teaches that children are a gift from God (Psalms 127:3) and that He has entrusted to parents the responsibility of bringing them up in the "training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Education is therefore the responsibility of parents to delegate this responsibility appropriately to a trusted school environment.

Education is more than just the transfer of knowledge; we believe education is to prepare children for life. God's truth is found in all knowledge (Science, Maths, English, History, Art, PE etc) so our school seeks to provide an excellent academic environment coupled with a Christian values based curriculum.

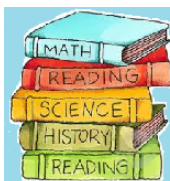
We also believe that schools should be an extension of the home and that children should be taught in such a way that prepares them for the challenges of life in today's society. We want to provide an environment where our children can be nurtured, to grow physically, academically, emotionally and spiritually.

Our school fosters respect, an encouraging learning environment for each individual and a high standard of behaviour is both expected and achieved. The learning environment takes account of the individual's capabilities and gifts and as a result each child is encouraged to reach their potential.

This is only possible when the child knows they are safe, valued and fully accepted as a unique child of God.

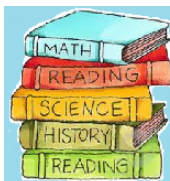


THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM



Primary

Please refer to our website for the various class information



Secondary

Years 7-9 (Key Stage 3)

The nature of the syllabus now changes as we move from Primary to Secondary level where a greater emphasis is put on subjects. For all pupils we seek to open up a subject for them, to appreciate its contribution to our understanding of the world today, as well as to prepare them for GCSEs.

In KS3 the students follow the Core Curriculum being English, Mathematics and Science. Students also study a wide variety of other subjects including PE, ICT, History, Geography, Art, Design Technology, Spanish, Food and Nutrition and Citizenship (Music is currently taught in Y7). World Views is also taught in KS3 and is a subject that combines History, Geography and Religious Studies and allows students to study different countries and cultures around the world.

Years 10-11 (Key Stage 4)

In Years 10 and 11 the syllabus is mainly geared to preparing students for examinations, however, our aim is wider than success in exams alone. We aim for our students to achieve all that God has prepared for them to achieve and to accomplish the plans that God has prepared in advance for them to do. At this stage, pupils will have chosen key subjects to focus on for their GCSE.

PE is included for students in Year 10 and Year 11. Our on-site facilities are very limited and so what is on offer will vary from year to year, depending on what facilities are available to us. However, the pupils are introduced to a wide range of activities including indoor and outdoor games and athletics.

You can look at the individual subjects on our website.

You can view our Staff Team on our website under Meet the Team



THE TUTORIAL SYSTEM AND LEARNING SUPPORT

The Tutorial System

Each Secondary School pupil is in a tutor group. The pupils are encouraged to talk to their tutor about any problems that they may wish to raise. It is hoped that as friendly relationships are developed, problems can be identified and discussed earlier, rather than later.

Learning Support

We appreciate that many pupils need some special help at some stage of their school career. For this purpose, we have a system of learning support. This is a response to the fact that we are all different people with varying learning and emotional needs and that we all may need special help or advice at different times.

We seek to help pupils with extra assistance and support within the classroom or by withdrawing them for a time of concentrated help. In this area we recognise that the parental role is vital and so we expect close links between school and home as we seek ways in which, together, we can help our pupils.

Pastoral care

We pride ourselves on our Pastoral Support Team who do an amazing work to ensure the physical and emotional welfare of any child that needs this extra support.

We aim to help your child feel safe, happy, involved and able to perform to their potential. We want to help them integrate well with other pupils and tackle any problems or issues should they arise.

We work with various agencies and you as parents where necessary to help support your child through their time at school.

THE HOUSE SYSTEM

For social and competitive purposes, we allocate the pupils to one of three houses. Their efforts and work gain credits which are counted in the total for each group. The highest scoring house win the trophy for the term.

THE THREE HOUSES ARE AS FOLLOWS

CORRIE: Named after the renowned Dutch Christian Corrie Ten Boom. She is remembered by many for her sheltering of Jewish people during World War II. In God's way of doing things she came to know of Trinity Christian School and was a gracious helper and encourager with her gifts and prayer.

SCHAEFFER: Named after a 20th Century Christian thinker who was responsible for challenging the thinking of many of the staff of Trinity Christian School.

SHAFTESBURY: Named after Anthony Ashley Cooper or Lord Shaftesbury who was a remarkable Christian during the last Century. Many social reforms that changed the face of Britain owed much to him.

We would like to think that such people, Christian in belief, talented yet humble, are the sort of men and women we would wish to hold up before our pupils as role models.



SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

At Trinity Christian School our aim is that discipline should flow from the close relationships we have with the pupils. We want them to understand that we care for them and want the best for them, and that at times discipline is essential for their own good and for the greater good of others in the school.

Any use of violence, gross disrespect to adults would be regarded very seriously, as would any involvement with drugs, cigarettes or alcohol.

Disciplinary measures include verbal warnings, time in the referral room, the removal of privileges and detentions. Repeated bad behaviour results in a request for parents to come into school to discuss the situation and to try to arrive at an agreed programme to bring about a desired change. For older pupils, an extreme misdemeanour or repeated wilful bad behaviour is more likely to result in temporary exclusion.

In a Christian School we believe the issue of appropriate punishment to be very important and we continually strive to be just and fair in our dealings with the pupils. The Bible teaches that right discipline is an expression of parental love. In our experience, it is lack of discipline rather than right discipline which damages a child.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Every year we issue a Parent planner for our regular events and diary dates or you can access our website calendar for dates also.

PGTA Fairs

We have a wonderful Team at Trinity that raise money for projects and help at all our school Fairs. We run two fairs, one in Summer and one around Christmas time. It is a great event where we can all meet up, look around some stalls and have some wonderful refreshments. All money raised both helps us support our Compassion Sponsor as well as goes towards school resources and maintenance. We encourage families and Staff at Trinity school to get involved and help out where they can.

Parents evening at school

Various Parents evening will be arranged across the year where current families can hear about their child's progress. They are arranged by appointment slots on a set date only—look out for letters.

End of Term Assemblies

This is a wonderful event for the whole school to come together to celebrate successes, and a time to celebrate Easter and Christmas. These are usually held at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge. All parents and friends are welcome to join us.

Open evening

In Term 1 we host an Open evening for any families interested in Trinity School, to drop in and have a look round, meet Staff and get a feel of the place. Current families moving up through the school are also encouraged to come along to find out more about different stages of education.

FINANCE

The school is a Charitable Trust but we are a fee paying school. We try to offer affordable fees as compared to other Independent or Private schools. We receive no Government funding, other than the nursery grant.

Our staff offer their services well below the equivalent state system rates, and some completely voluntarily. The staff sacrifice and commitment has been a great source of strength to the school.

We also value parents who have supported the school through generous financial gifts as well as skills offered – we value these immensely.

Before the start of each year, parents are advised of the school fees, and are given a contract outlining the commitment offered by the school and the commitment asked of the parents. This also includes a 3-month notice period as we have to ensure we budget for Staff wages and expenses each year even if a family choose to leave early.

For details of Fees please visit our website.

If you need any further information on the fee information, please speak to the Finance Secretary: Mrs Kneen.



GENERAL INFORMATION

The School Day

Nursery: 8.30-11.30am, 12-3pm or full days (8.30-3pm)

Primary & Secondary School: 8.40am to 3pm

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular and punctual attendance is important to ensure progress and to teach good discipline.

We encourage communication between the School and Parents for reasons of illness or absence as we are keen to safeguard our children and ensure their safety by being made aware of absence, appointments or late arrival. WE USE STUDYBUGS – Please download the app or use their website. Please refer to the Attendance policy on our website.

Holidays

We try each year to arrange our school holidays in line with local schools where possible. These are published on our school website. There are times where we gain some days or only have a week as we legally have to have 182 teaching days. We encourage all families to take holidays in these times so as not to disrupt their child's learning or progress. Our school calendar is published on our website so please refer to this and check for any updates.

WE DO NOT FOLLOW STATE SCHOOLS DATES EXACTLY SO CHECK OURS ONLY.

Medical Information

We are aware that children at times come with medical condition or may need medication throughout the year. We are keen to have information on all children's medical needs so we can best manage them or be aware of them during our school hours. We have procedures to this respect that requires parental consent and health care plans.

Communication is key between parents and school in all these areas so we can safeguard your child whilst in our care – by administering medication where requested, and by understanding any conditions that affects them during school time.

UNIFORM

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

You can find detailed information on our **School Uniform Policy** on the website.

CAREERS EDUCATION/ COMPUTERS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Careers Education

Careers Education and Guidance is part of a programme from Year 9 onwards and is directed at appropriate times to help pupils with key decisions. The employment scene is changing very rapidly and all young people are quickly confronted with the question of 'What next?' Fundamental to wise career choices is sensible discussion and guidance. Introductory work begins in the lower years, with much more specific advice and guidance in the last two years of secondary school as part of our Citizenship curriculum.

Computers and Information Technology

All of our classrooms have computers for presentation or investigation work. We also have a fully equipped Computer Suite with timetabled slots for all pupils. Our school computers use the Microsoft operating system. In Secondary School, although each year group has specific Computing lessons, Computing is increasingly used in many other subject areas e.g. in graphics, where students use various graphic packages.

The students are taught how to use the various Microsoft Office applications, use of the Internet, Email and Data protection. They will also consider the moral and social implications of computer usage. The students work towards GCSE Computing or Computer Science qualifications.

All teachers and every student at Secondary School have a school email address for homework purposes, as well as being able to access the school online storage system.

All students are taught about keeping safe online in ICT and Citizenship lessons.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

External visits supplement the work in class, and the pupils are encouraged to take part in various activities that can be performed for the enjoyment of others. This is especially true coming up to Christmas.

Yearly we have the pleasure of putting on our Nativity play, performed by our wonderful Primary Pupils. It's a great event for parents and families to attend and to see your children perform a wonderful musical play.

We on occasion put on after school activities such as Music clubs, Craft club, Games club and any more as we are able to.

STAFF AND GOVERNORS

You can 'Meet the Team' by visiting our website.

All Staff are checked via our Safer Recruitment process and are enhanced DBS checked.

We sometimes have volunteers and students working in school at times.

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TERM DATES

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Autumn: September-December

Spring: January-March

Summer: April-July



We produce our own yearly School calendar with details of the school term and holidays, which is also available on our website.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Whether you are brand new to Trinity Christian School or currently have a child here and wish to enroll other siblings, we do require a full application pack completing.

Nursery

For children who are three years old before September 1st, we have an amazing Nursery facility as part of the school. Our intakes are Sept, January and April depending on when your child turns 3. On application you will be able to request what days you require and we will advise of the start date. We also offer all children a taster day so they can get used to a new environment.

Nursery children can receive 15 Government funding hours free and some families will be eligible to receive 30 hours funding (see Gov website to apply). You can do additional hours at a small charge.

Our hours on offer:

Mornings 8.30-11.30pm

Afternoons: 12-3pm

Full day: 8.30-3pm

Reception

Children do not have to attend our nursery to ensure a Reception place. Parents must apply to our Reception by completing an application form from the School Office. We will also offer a taster day to ensure your child settles in and gets used to the new surroundings as well as enables us to review how they go as part of our admissions process.

Primary and Secondary School

We will consider requests to join the school at other ages as follows. Children are normally admitted to Primary School in September. Admissions to Primary or Secondary at other times will be considered according to the particular year/class the pupils are hoping to enter. This is due to keeping to our smaller classes where we try to keep to 16/18 per class with occasional exceptions.

Having viewed our website, you can complete an enquiry form (via our website). You will be invited

to visit the school informally before making an application for admission.

A decision to offer a place at Trinity Christian School is made by the SLT following a taster assessment in school, usually 1 day for Primary and a week for Y6 and Secondary pupils. Parents will then be notified by email and contracts drawn up.

We ask parents to complete our Enquiry Form on the website, the school year before they wish to move their child (except where it's an urgent place needed). For example, requesting a future Y7 place, contact us when they start Y6. Though we ask parents not to leave enquiring last minute (i.e. June/July) as we are unable to get through the admissions process nor guarantee a September start in short notice.

Our Admissions policy can be found on the website which give more details.

How to contact us:

Address:
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Birbeck Street,
Stalybridge,
SK15 1SH

Telephone: 0161 303 0674

Office@trinityschool.org.uk



The Office staff are on hand to help with your enquiries or put you through to the right person where possible.

Why not visit our amazing website which also has lots of useful information
www.trinityschool.org.uk

Trinity Christian School is operated as a Charitable Trust.

The Trustees/Directors are also the governors of the school.

Trinity Christian School is registered by the DfES.

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