



Trinity
Your local school



Welcome to Trinity



Welcome from the headmaster

Welcome to Trinity, we are a comprehensive school with a grammar school ethos. Strong discipline and old fashioned values create a warm, happy and calm environment in which young people grow and develop into outstanding members of society. Academic excellence for everyone is the foundation of all we do. As a small secondary school, we provide a highly personalised education in a friendly, family environment. As a Church of England school, we welcome children of all faiths and none. We provide a rich education that celebrates music and the arts, and finds inspiration in beauty.

"The three pillars - learning, relationships and leadership - are the foundations on which the school has transformed itself" (Inspection report October 2010)



A learning community

We are a community where learning is the key purpose for every member of the school and in which every student has challenging targets and understands the journey to reaching them. Pupils at Trinity achieve well above the national average at GCSE and by 2011 the school has improved performance by a massive 35% in three years. Trinity exceeded its official target this year by 9% and is 13% above the outcome that would have put us in the top 10% of schools for progress. Forty out of ninety-six pupils gained more than ten A*-C, fifteen more than 14 A*-C and eight pupils left with 'A' Level as well as GCSE qualifications. Our most able pupils achieve as highly as those in selective schools achieving only A and A* grades.

We believe that outstanding learning happens in outstanding lessons every day, every lesson. We have a talented staff team who work extremely hard and know their pupils well. The inspection of October 2010 identified *"the passion and commitment of the staff to develop the well-being of all pupils."*

Come and visit us on any day, tours are available at 9:15 on Tuesdays.



Organisation and curriculum

At Trinity the family is the model for everything we do. We arrange our tutor groups in 'family groups' where pupils from each year group interact and care for one another. Year 7 pupils feel safe and happy and know older pupils by name from their very first day at school. As members of houses, tutor groups compete against each other in academic and sports activities. Our sports teams are outstanding and regularly win local competitive tournaments.

As well as being Lewisham's only grammar style school our most able pupils are grouped into a 'grammar stream' from their very first day at the school. We also set by ability for all core subjects. All our groupings are carefully monitored and changes made at each half term.

"Students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding is outstanding and students have a deep respect for each other" (Inspection report 2010)



A place of beauty

In January 2011 we moved into a multimillion pound new building. Our building has won major architectural awards and is not an 'off the shelf' design. The 'village green' atrium, dedicated refectory, hall where the whole school can gather, elegant curved corridors and ecologically sensitive roofs all indicate the values and culture which make Trinity 'no ordinary school'. The design and its internal colours reflect the icon of the Trinity which is the symbol of our community. We work in a place of beauty where a peaceful and calm atmosphere fosters learning and reflection.

Our sports hall, activity studio and gym and outside games area are extended by use of the Old Colfeians, Sutcliffe Park and Tudor Sports Ground, all within walking distance of the school.



Enriching life

Annual residential trips and regular day visits to places of educational interest enrich the lives of young people. Trinity is open every Saturday of the school year. Clubs, activities and extra lessons happen almost every day after school. Two cadet forces and a dance school meet at Trinity and Latin GCSE takes place on two evenings a week.

We provide additional individual instrumental tuition across the school. There are also musical productions, inter-tutor group and inter-school sporting events. Every year during *Project London* the whole school visits significant locations across the city and our end of year assembly takes place in the historic Southwark Cathedral.

“Christian values are at the heart of everything the school does and are demonstrated in the positive impact on learning” (Inspection report 2010)



We are a church school where children participate every day in worship and benefit from experiencing the life of a faith community in all its richness. Singing, praying and meditating are a normal part of our life. Children of all faiths and none are encouraged to explore the meaning of life and to make their own decisions about faith and spirituality. Mindfulness meditation is taught to develop a culture of quiet and an appreciation of silence; it trains the brain and helps everyone to learn how to pay attention. Children learn about all the major world faiths and speakers from other faiths are regular visitors to school. Children are encouraged to learn about atheism and agnosticism and to think deeply for themselves; “The unexamined life is not worth living” (*Socrates*).

“Pupils of all faiths feel included and everyone is challenged to grow in their understanding of each other’s beliefs” (Inspection report 2010)



Home and school links

Trinity is at the heart of the community and has strong links with parents, carers and families. Trinity hosted a Big Sunday Lunch in 2011 and parents and carers are not just visitors to but part of our school community. A school cannot be successful without the close support of parents and carers in an active partnership.

Parents are in regular contact with the school through tutors and Heads of House. We also have a Trinity Council, which includes parents, pupils and staff and acts as the school's parliament.

Parents are expected to attend academic review meetings where they meet their child's tutor to discuss achievements and identify areas for improvement. Parents are also invited to an annual parents' evening to meet subject teachers and consider progress made. We provide regular reports to keep parents informed of progress to targets. Every half term parents are also sent our Behaviour Watch log which records all house points awarded and any infringement of school rules.





A Grammar Style School

As Lewisham's only grammar style school Trinity takes the best of being a comprehensive school - access for everyone, a chance for pupils of all abilities to mix and develop socially - with the aspirations and traditions of a grammar school. As soon as you come into school you will notice old fashioned courtesy and good manners. Our head boy and girl and their prefects wear academic gowns in house colours. Senior staff wear gowns and hoods in assembly highlighting the aspiration to university and academic achievement.

Our house system and friendly competition between them encourage pupils to strive for the best. The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and our involvement in the community develop young people in every way possible.



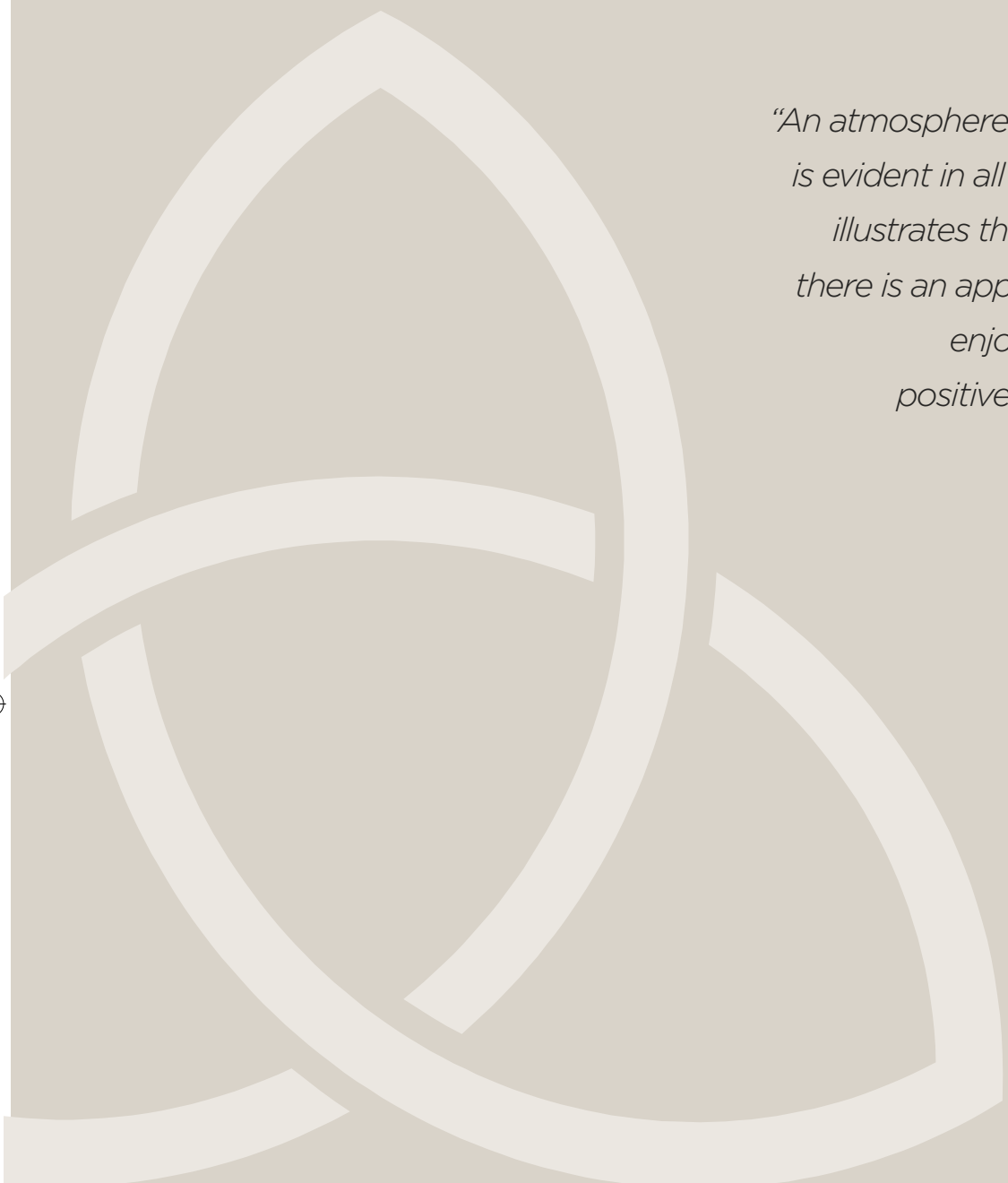
“Challenging debate, lively pace and imaginative use of resources ensure students are motivated to do well and extend their knowledge of new concepts in every lesson” (Inspection report 2010)

“Inspirational Leadership” (Inspection report 2010)

Headmaster Richard Peers has worked in education for over 25 years as a school inspector, teacher, governor and headmaster. Working in schools that made rapid progress in improvement prepared him to lead Trinity as it becomes the first choice school for local families. Father Richard is a frequent speaker and consultant to schools in London and across the country. Father Richard is also an Anglican priest and is committed to being at the heart of the local community, he lives locally and is on the staff of All Saints Church, Blackheath. He is always glad to meet local parents and other members of the community.

The headmaster is **“skillfully supported by the deputy headteachers”** (Inspection report 2010) and they are committed to building Trinity as a beacon school not just in Lewisham but nationally. In September 2013 Trinity will open a Primary School on Ennersdale Road.





*“An atmosphere of praise and celebration
is evident in all areas of the school ... this
illustrates the lighter touch ... in which
there is an appropriate sense of fun and
enjoyment that enhances the
positive self esteem of everyone”*

(Inspection report 2010)

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