



# Holy Trinity College

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Principal: Mrs I Russell BA (Hons) MTD PQH (NI)

*A Specialist Sports and English Academy*

10 January 2023

Dear Primary 7 Parent / Guardian

## **Re: Holy Trinity College Open Day Visit & Subject Sampling Day including Sentinus Project Presentation**

Your son / daughter has reached their final year of Primary school and the time has come to make decisions regarding their future post-primary school placement. Selecting the next stage of your child's education is one which requires careful consideration. In Holy Trinity College, we believe that the transition from Primary School to Post-Primary School must be as smooth as possible, to ensure that your son / daughter continues to work in an environment where he / she will feel safe, feel valued, feel nurtured and most importantly, feel happy.

Last year, Holy Trinity College organised Open Day Visits for Primary 7 pupils and parents/guardians. This process was extremely successful and popular, and therefore, similar arrangements are in place this year. **Open Day Visits with a Tour of the College and Subjects**, and a **Virtual Open Evening**, will occur on **Thursday 19 January 2023**, thereby providing you with a great opportunity to experience life in Holy Trinity College.

<b>Open Day Visit Appointments</b>	<b>Open Evening – Virtual</b>
<b>Date:</b> Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>Date:</b> Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>Time:</b> 9.15am – final booking at 1.45pm. Tour will last 1 hour approximately. Please arrive 10 minutes before your Tour is due to depart.	<b>Time:</b> 7.00pm
<b>How:</b> Book your appointment via Holy Trinity College Facebook on the following link <a href="https://calendly.com/holytrinitycollege/open-day?month=2023-01">https://calendly.com/holytrinitycollege/open-day?month=2023-01</a>  You will receive confirmation of your allocated time. Bookings must be completed by Tuesday 17 January @ 4.00pm. Alternatively, ring the College on 028 8676 2420 to make an appointment.	<b>How:</b> Log on to <a href="http://www.holytrinitycollege.org">www.holytrinitycollege.org</a>
<b>Why:</b> See our school 'in action', participate in subject visits, showcasing of Year 8 lessons and speak to our brilliant pupils.	<b>Why:</b> See our school virtually with a range of video presentations and hear about the experiences of our brilliant pupils and staff.
<b>Anything else:</b> Ring the College on 028 8676 2420 on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January between 10.00am – 12.00pm and speak to Senior Staff if you have further questions.	<b>Anything else:</b> Ring the College on 028 8676 2420 on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January between 10.00am – 12.00pm and speak to Senior Staff if you have further questions.



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Should you wish to speak with any member of the Special Educational Needs Team, Learning Support Centre, Haven Staff (Nurture provision) or our Newcomer Team, please indicate this during your tour or by telephone to the College.

The **School Prospectus** will be available to view and download on the Website. A paper copy is available upon request.

By introducing an online booking system, over-crowding is reduced, making your visit more enjoyable and affording you the opportunity to ask important questions. The following arrangements are in place:

- 1 x Parent/Guardian to attend with their Primary 7 child.
- Please present to the General Reception 10 minutes in advance of your allocated time.
- The College tour will last for 1 hour approximately.
- There will be a maximum of 6 parents and 6 pupils at any time on a tour.

## **Additional Information:**

- Holy Trinity College will build on the work carried out by your son / daughter's Primary school and receive a detailed profile of your child's ability and strengths in advance of their Induction into the College.
- A Summer Scheme in August 2023 will enable your son / daughter to become familiar with the College, build their confidence and get to know the pupils in their Form class.
- Specialised Nurture Provision in The Haven assists with transition to a large secondary school; prepares pupils for learning; develops social communication skills; and improves pupil wellbeing.
- The Learning Support Team will assist your son/daughter to develop at their own pace to access a broad and balanced curriculum via a range of supports in literacy, numeracy, mentoring, small group work, one-one support, organisational skills, friendship building and so on.
- A Learning Support Centre with specialist staff was established in September 2022 to support those pupils with moderate or severe learning difficulties.
- With the growing number of pupils diagnosed with Autism, the College has recently opened a Sensory Room to provide sanctuary from the outside world, and to feel calm, supported and focused. The SEN Department are working towards establishing an **Autism Friendly School**.
- Pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 with a strong background in Irish language will complete their GCSE Irish at the end of Year 10.
- Year 8 pupils will have an opportunity to combine Technology with Engineering, thereby developing high quality skills for future career pathways.



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- In June 2023, new Year 8 pupils will complete Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT) which provides the College, with further data to identify academic pathways for potential high achievers in Year 8, as well as identifying those requiring Literacy, Numeracy and Special Needs Intervention, from a specialist team of staff.
- Holy Trinity College aims to create an environment where every pupil from 11 – 18 years, can enjoy their education, achieve their academic potential, work at an optimum pace with appropriate support, stretch and challenge, aim high, and follow their career pathway to Third Level education and beyond.
- As a successful and top achieving non-selective school, we look forward to working in partnership with our parents for seven years to deliver the best educational experience possible for your son / daughter.
- As we progress towards construction notice for our new school building, we will continue to build on subject delivery ensuring successful academic and vocational outcomes, in addition to exceptional pastoral care. Providing a quality education will ensure our girls and boys are well equipped for society beyond school.
- Above all, we want pupils to be safe, valued, nurtured and happy, to enjoy coming to school every day and to be successful.

We hope you will be able to join us on our Open Day Visit / Virtual Open Evening to see and hear about life in the College. Logging onto the College Website and Facebook platforms, also provides an update of activities and events which pupils experience on a daily basis.

On **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**, arrangements have been made with your Child's Primary School for Primary 7 pupils to further experience a range of subjects and activities in the College via a **Subject Sampling Day**. This continues our transition process to enable pupils be familiar with the College before they enrol in September 2023.

- A '**Subject Sampling Day**' has been arranged for **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.
- Transport will be provided from the Primary School as required to arrive in Holy Trinity College for 10.00am
- All pupils will have brunch in the College Canteen
- Pupils are asked to wear their school uniform and suitable footwear for PE activities.
- Pupils will return to their Primary Schools for 1.30/1.45pm
- Subjects on offer include:  
Maths, ICT, Drama, PE, Home Economics, Technology/Engineering, Science, Irish, Music, Art, French, STEM, English, Religion, History, Geography, Business Studies



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Via the **Extended Schools Project and Sentinus**, Primary 7 pupils have been working on a sustainable community project. This project will also be showcased in the College on **Friday 20 January** for all visiting Primary schools to see.

If you require any further information in supporting you and your son / daughter in making your decision to attend Holy Trinity College, please do not hesitate to contact us on 028 8676 2420. We look forward to seeing you very soon. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your son / daughter a safe and successful school year ahead.

**OPEN DAY VISIT & VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING**

**THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023**

**We look forward to you joining us in person, on our Website**

[www.holytrinitycollege.org](http://www.holytrinitycollege.org) or Facebook

Yours sincerely

*Isabel Russell*

**Mrs I Russell**  
**Principal**