

Trinity Church of England High School was opened in 1984 with the foundation motto of *“Faith in the City, Value in People, Excellence in Education”*.



We are celebrating our 40th year and continuing the tradition of our foundation promoting the education of students in a community which is positively Christian but welcomes the children of parents of other faiths. Our student body is diverse and ideally we would have a workforce which reflected this diversity – role models from all communities are very much welcome here.

Trinity has become one of the most popular schools serving the City of Manchester and districts beyond. Its teachers, support staff and students work to create a school with a distinctive atmosphere, both demanding and caring, which reflects the hopes that parents have for their children. This outlook contributes towards the genuine sense of partnership between home and school and has helped to provide feelings of security, structure, happiness and well-being.



Located adjacent to Manchester University, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester Museum, the Science Park and the Royal Northern College of Music, we are easily accessible from all parts of the city and are close to the many amenities of the city centre. We make good use of our proximity to both universities, theatres, galleries, museum, the RNCM, Aquatics Centre and SportsCity.

The school's excellent sports facilities comprise a sports hall, fitness suite, gymnasium, dance studio, full-size floodlit artificial pitch and floodlit 5G multi-sport courts.

School departments are well resourced, and this has enabled us to combine the best of tradition with innovative practice. We seek to develop a breadth of experience so that, for example, our science, engineering, computing and mathematics are well balanced by artistic, linguistic, aesthetic, creative, moral and spiritual activities.

Trinity's most recent full Ofsted Inspection took place in November 2023, and we were judged 'Outstanding' or 'Good' in every category. The most recent National Society (Anglican) Inspection, in November 2023, assessed Trinity in the highest category lavishing praise on the strong relationships in the school.

In its recent history, Trinity benefited from a £21.5 million Buildings & ICT Investment which was supplemented by a £3 million sixth form Centre, opened in September 2016. The 'Outstanding' sixth form is has a capacity of 260 students and has taken the school student population above 1500. In 2022, the school opened up a £1.5 million building extension to enable great consistency of rooming for students and teachers.



Trinity is a 'Single Academy Trust' – we were one of the first in the country to experience the freedoms of academisation and have maintained our independence to this day. We are rightfully proud of the strong foundations that we have given to many students and staff who have either learned or worked here over the last 40 years.

In conclusion, our overall aim is *"To provide a Christian environment in which young people are safe, secure, cared for and happy, and are able to develop into articulate, confident and well qualified citizens of the world."*

Julian Nicholls, Head
School Year 2023-24

Ofsted Report – November 2023

Ofsted have now released their report on what their team found out during their two day visit in November. The report reads very well indeed and everyone involved should be very proud of the great school we have. I would like to thank parents particularly at this point for their support. I received many messages of encouragement and I know that almost two thirds of parents in the Ofsted Parents' Survey said their child was 'very happy' at Trinity - a figure that I've not seen beaten by any Manchester high school in their Ofsted year.

Importantly, the report says that students "**value the strong friendships they cultivate which helps them feel happy**" and that students are rightfully "**very proud of their diverse community**". Our sixth formers were praised as being "**excellent role models for their younger peers**".

Additionally, the inspectors were full of praise for the teaching that goes on in departments, the expert staff and the pastoral care that is part of our outstanding work. They said that all students "**achieve very well**", that there is a "**calm and purposeful environment**" and that the sixth form is "**outstanding**". The inspection team also praised the leadership of the school (from governors to senior and middle leaders through to the 'effective' safeguarding team). They were also very impressed with the personal development of students whilst at Trinity, giving us an 'outstanding' grading in this area - the extra-curricular provision in music, PE and performing arts certainly helped them to make that judgement.

Inspectors added that the school is "**highly aspirational**" that "**students are prepared very well for their lives beyond school**" and that our sixth formers are "**very well prepared for their ambitious next steps**".

Ofsted, like our own self-evaluation, gave us some areas for development. The first is that we develop a reading scheme to support those with weaker English at KS4, the second was that they identified that the behaviour of a "small number" of students should be addressed. The school is responding positively to both of these areas.

As with all inspections, the resource of time was limited and I would argue insufficient to really accurately reflect all that is great about the school. Two things I would point out that I feel were completely overlooked; firstly, the exceptional attendance by our students - I know that our attendance is far higher than local and national averages and is a current national priority - so I can't explain why this wasn't mentioned at all. Secondly, the school has a higher than average proportion of Pupil Premium students and as a cohort they perform in line with those who are not disadvantaged nationally. The improving outcomes and progress of this cohort compared to national figures, is something that we are proud of and are continually striving to improve further.

The school is rightfully pleased with the outcome, thank you to all stakeholders - parents, students, staff, governors, the Diocese and the Local Authority who all contributed to making this a positive step in the next phase of developing this great school with many outstanding features!

SIAMS report – November 2023

I am delighted to be able to let you know that we have received a glowing report from the SIAMS inspectors. I have chosen to use the inspectors first paragraph in full below to introduce the report and following this I have listed ten further comments for you to read.

“At the heart of the city of Manchester, this diverse community is one with God at its heart. Established to serve a multicultural, multi-faith population, Trinity succeeds as a place of faith, valuing everyone and pursuing excellence. In this, it is true to its contextually appropriate Christian vision. This is because leaders, including governors, rigorously and robustly evaluate both the potential, and actual, impact of their policies and decisions. The ‘Trinity Together’ approach, built on Christian values, provides a common understanding of difference, diversity and inclusion. This enables all to find their place and know that they are welcomed into a culture of care and respect.”

Our ‘top ten’ comments:

“Pupils say they feel safe within the school.”

“Parents reflect that they choose this school because it represents modern society and mirrors their care and aspirations for their children.”

“Students are enabled in their sporting, creative and spiritual flourishing through a rich provision of formal learning and enrichment activities.”

“The school’s location supports and encourages the vast array of different partnerships that it embraces and pursues to the advantage of all.”

“Inspired by the Christian vision’s intention of ‘care and happiness’, pupils know the value of dignity and respect for all.”

“Leaders are mindful of the needs of the community and proactive in their care for all.”

“Pupil leadership roles are many and respond to pupils interests and strengths.”

“The talented team of religious education (RE) teachers are very capably guided so that pupils enjoy and succeed in their learning.”

“The inspection findings indicate that Trinity Church of England High School is living up to its foundation as a Church school.”

Comment from Deborah Smith, Diocesan Director of Education

“I was delighted to read the recent SIAMS report which highlighted a myriad of ways in which Trinity High School enables both adults and students to flourish within a Christian environment. Keep up the great work.”