



## **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (Science & Sports College)**

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### **About the Modern Foreign Languages Department**

The Modern Languages Department at Trinity Catholic High school is a highly successful and enthusiastic department comprising of four full-time teachers and two part time teachers. We also have Language Assistants for each language assisting with Years 9 – 13.

Trinity Catholic High School achieved the British Council International School Award in September 2012 in recognition of our curricular and extra-curricular work which aims to support and develop globally aware young people, giving them the skills to operate in our increasingly global economy. In 2015 the school was awarded a reaccreditation of the International School Award. The Modern Foreign Language Department continues to work alongside all departments within the school to maximise International learning opportunities.

Pupils begin with either French or Spanish in Year 7, and are actively encouraged to choose a language as an option for GCSE. French is offered to GCSE and Spanish is offered to Advanced Level. We have an arrangement with Woodford County High School whereby our students wishing to study French A-Level are able to attend lessons there. All classes throughout the school are taught in mixed ability groups. We presently have four groups in each year of KS4. We offer the Cambridge Latin E-Learning course to Years 8 and 9 as an extra-curricular class.

#### **Key Stage 3**

We use the Tricolore Total 1, 2 and 3 textbooks in French and Caminos 1, Listos 2 Rojo and Caminos 2 textbooks in Spanish.

#### **Key Stage 4**

KS4 students follow the AQA GCSE course. We use the Studio textbook for French and the Viva textbook for Spanish as well as the ActiveTeach digital resources and supplementary learning resources.

#### **Key Stage 5**

We teach Spanish to A-Level and follow the AQA course. Year 12 and 13 Spanish use AQA A-Level Spanish Years 1 and Year 2 with Kerboodle.

Extra-Curricular activities include GCSE Darius revision classes, language support workshops and Gifted and Talented workshops with the language assistants both during lunchtime and after school to support and extend pupils. Year 9 students are taken on visits to the Christmas market in Lille and Year 11 students have participated in exchange visits to France. Students in Years 9, 10, 12 and 13 have also participated in Spanish and French film study days at the British Film Institute. Students in Years 10-13 are involved in email exchange programmes with schools in France and Spain. Year 12 students are encouraged to take part in Work Experience abroad where they spend a week in employment in France or in Spain.

High expectations and high standards permeate all aspects of school life. The department

enjoys excellent examination success.

Results for 2017 were as follows:-

Foundation Certificate

French	Distinction 85.1%	Merit 14.9%	Pass 0%
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Spanish	Distinction 97.5%	Merit 2.5%	Pass 0%
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GCSE

French	A*-A 41.5	A*-C 92.7%
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Spanish	A*-A 50%	A*-C 88.9%
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A-Level

French	A* -A 20%	A* -E 100%
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Spanish	A -B 62.5%	A -C 100%
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