



Discover the Trinity difference

Unique benefits for learners

‘Trinity exams give students something specific and measurable to work towards. They offer clear validation and help to boost confidence whilst motivating the student to continue studying and learning.’

Mark Greenow
Director of Holiday Courses and Events
Millfield School

1 Personalised to include candidates' interests and opinions

Trinity College London's English exams – GESE (Graded Examinations in Spoken English), ISE (Integrated Skills in English) and SEW (Spoken English for Work) – involve a one-to-one speaking and listening exam which allows for a genuine interaction.

In the GESE examination, **the candidate can choose and discuss a topic of his or her choice**. In Elementary level exams (from CEFR A2 to B1) the candidate may bring photographs, objects or posters about the topic to discuss with the examiner. As the candidate progresses through the levels, he or she gradually takes more control over the conversation by asking the examiner questions to find out about the examiner's view on their topic.

At the Intermediate and Advanced levels of GESE, there is an Interactive task where the candidate is expected to lead the conversation by asking the examiner questions, offering opinions and commenting on a situation given by the examiner. At Advanced levels, the candidate is also expected to challenge the examiner's comments and justify his or her own opinions.

These tasks, offered only by Trinity, allow for personalised conversational input from the candidate, **putting his or her own interests firmly at the heart of the speaking and listening exam**. This combination of realistic and personalised tasks means that every single examination is unique, just like each learner.



2 Immediate results after the exam session

The examiner completes a report form for each candidate on the day of the test, which is then given to the Centre Representative at the end of the exam session. The report form indicates how well the candidate performed in each task and gives the overall provisional result. It also suggests area(s) for improvement when appropriate for future learning and development.

Discover the Trinity difference

Unique benefits for learners



3

Motivational

Trinity exams are designed to have a positive and motivational effect on the candidate. The speaking and listening exam is **an opportunity to show how much you can do**. Our examiners work to create a friendly and supportive atmosphere that the candidate can enjoy. The unique speaking and listening exam allows the candidate to **use the English learned in the classroom in relevant, real-life situations**.

For the reading and writing components, the ISE portfolio has the same motivational aim. Candidates present the best written work that they can produce, taking time to research, draft and develop useful writing and critical thinking skills. During the speaking and listening exam, candidates then discuss their portfolio, covering not only the content but also the process of writing it.

The positive Trinity effect does not end there. Trinity has a legitimately high success rate for GESE, as **it offers small, achievable steps**. With 12 grades, there is a level suitable for every learner – no matter where they are in their English learning career. Most students enjoy finding out their provisional result immediately and leave motivated to continue their English language learning.

4

Honouring achievement from the very beginning

With GESE, there is a level for every stage in the learner's development. The unique 12-grade system allows students to receive **an internationally recognised certificate** from their earliest days of learning with GESE Grade 1 (CEFR pre-A1) to proficiency with GESE Grade 12 (CEFR C2).

‘All students commented that they felt at ease with the Trinity examiner and that helped them to speak more confidently.’

San Benito Ikastola, Lazkao

5

Use of real-life English

Trinity exams place a strong emphasis on the practical ability to use the language in context, and **encourage students to speak English just the way it is used in everyday communication**. Those who are able to ask questions, exchange opinions, respond to comments and generally interact in English using the language requirements of their level will do well in their Trinity exam.

‘Learners work on topics that they choose. Even at lower levels this is not only motivating but also an important factor in the development of real use of English.’

Pat Spruyt
Director of Studies
Summer school in Schull, West Cork



“Trinity GESE exams meet the needs of both our long and short term students at all levels of English. The format of the exam means that students are preparing to discuss topics and contexts of real use and personal interest, which we can fully integrate into a wider teaching programme.”

Harry Hall
Teacher Management Director, ISIS Study centres



“The students enjoyed doing the exam and found the examiner friendly and demanding – which is GOOD!”

Colégio ‘O Ramalhete’, Porto

Discover the Trinity difference

www.trinitycollege.co.uk/discoverTrinity

Discover the Trinity difference
www.trinitycollege.co.uk/discoverTrinity

Trinity College London
89 Albert Embankment
London SE1 7TP UK

T +44 (0)20 7820 6100
F +44 (0)20 7820 6161
E info@trinitycollege.co.uk

