



## Dean Ogunfolabo's four children are all Holy Trinity students, some of whom are now following their dreams all thanks to their great start at primary school

Dean's eldest daughter is Katriel age 18 and she is heading to university, his son is Mordecai age 17 and he is starting 6th Form, Isabelle is age 11 and starting Year 7 and Amarissa is age 9 and in Year 4.

### Support from the very start

All of the children attended Holy Trinity School from nursery age and from the beginning Dean felt his children were well cared for. "The school is very good; they were supportive right from the start. My children attended from nursery onwards and they have been well looked after all the way. The school were excellent at communicating any concerns about the children. There were additional lessons and opportunities for the children to come into school to read or practice their maths skills, it didn't feel pressured, the sessions were held regularly so it felt normal, and the children were happy to go. It was very encouraging," says Dean.

### Guidance for parents

Dean appreciated school going the extra mile by sharing how best to support the children with their learning at home. "School would call us and talk to us about how best to help at home. They would make suggestions as to what to look at during the holidays at home with the children and for me, that was great, as we understood where the children needed support and what we could do to help. It kept their learning consistent," says Dean.

### Ambitions for the future

"Katriel is in her final year in college and is looking to continue her studies, she wants to do acting. Her love of acting started at Holy Trinity as every year, the children in Year 6 perform in an end of year production. From that point onwards all she wanted to do was act," says Dean.

### Building on strong foundations

"My son has done very well, he was top of his class during high school. He had to travel to go to high school but now he is going to 6th form closer to home. He'll be studying the sciences and engineering.

He could have continued at his high school but he was tired from travelling, it was over an hour's commute, and when his teachers heard he wasn't continuing for 6th form they called to say how much they would miss him. He played football and basketball at school, he had a great time. Holy Trinity gave him the best grounding," says Dean.

### Confidence for new adventures

"Isabelle has just started at high school and the transition has been great. In her first few days she has been earning 'positives' and she's finding settling in easy. She wants to walk already having only been there a week which is great, she's feeling confident," says Dean.

### A unique school

"There is one thing that makes it unique in my opinion, they are disciplined. They instil good manners and the way they show love and care is infectious. The children, especially with my son, if they went to a different school to play football, they stood apart because they knew how to behave well. The influence the school had meant the children were always well behaved and parents were involved too. The Christian values came through, the children grew in an environment of love and peace," says Dean.

### Fond memories to treasure

"I loved seeing the children at sports day and when the classes do assembly and they performed in their drama classes. I have so many memories and I'm so grateful to Holy Trinity. It's a positive learning process for a child at Holy Trinity, they were always ahead of knowing what the children needed and were encouraging of parents getting involved, I'd recommend the school to anyone," says Dean.

### Children say:

**Amarissa says:** "I like playing with my friends at lunch time."