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Trinity College London, incorporating Trinity Guildhall, is proud to announce the launch of our new certificate featuring our new Coat of Arms. The certificate is effective from May 2008.

The Certificate

Our candidates are at the heart of Trinity and our work, and we are proud to present a newly designed certificate on the highest quality paper which properly reflects the significance of their achievements. The new certificate includes the Coat of Arms but has a number of other enhancements and distinctive features. These are illustrated in the example certificates overleaf.

The Coat of Arms

Trinity has been awarding qualifications for over 130 years. Up until 1992 examinations were delivered through Trinity College of Music, the internationally renowned music conservatoire. In 1992 the external examinations department was set up as a separate not-for-profit organisation and registered charity, Trinity College London, which now delivers half a million assessments worldwide each year in the performing arts and the English language.

Until now, Trinity College London has continued to use the Shield established by Trinity College of Music. However, as an organisation that has seen significant growth and diversification over recent years, the decision was made to commission a Coat of Arms specifically for Trinity College London. The new Coat of Arms is designed to reflect the long history and heritage of our work while being more inclusive of the full range of Trinity's qualification portfolio. This important element complements the Trinity College London brand and reflects our status as a leading international examinations board.

In 2007 Trinity submitted a formal application for a Coat of Arms to the College of Arms, a branch of the Royal household. The application was granted and we had pleasure in working with the Lancaster Herald, who led the discussions leading to the design. Information on the work of the College of Arms can be found at www.college-of-arms.gov.uk

New Trinity College London Certificate

Below are sample Language and Music & Performing Arts certificates – please note that the actual content of a certificate, including Trinity and partner logos, will vary depending on the subject area.

Sample Language Certificate



Trinity College London
Coat of Arms
(see overleaf for details)

Gold foil lettering
to give the
certificate a
sophisticated look

Accrediting-authority
logos and references

Watermark, slightly indented
(which can only be seen when held
up to the light) providing security
and uniqueness

Sample Music & Performing Arts Certificate



Music & Performing Arts certificates
that come under the Trinity Guildhall
brand will also have the Trinity Guildhall
logo in gold lettering

Trinity College London Coat of Arms



The Lyre

The lyre is an ancient stringed musical instrument and here symbolises Trinity's origins in 1877 when we were the first college of music to offer external examinations. The lyre connects Trinity today with our roots in Trinity College of Music and emphasises our continuing strong connections with this very successful and popular conservatoire.

Motto: Honouring Achievement

Trinity examinations have always been designed to motivate learners towards greater success and to recognise achievement at all stages of the learning journey. Our new motto 'Honouring Achievement' continues this tradition and stresses the positive nature of our examinations.

Pegasus

The winged horse, Pegasus, is a symbol of knowledge and inspiration – important components in the achievement Trinity honours in all fields. Pegasus was also the source of the Muses, who represent all forms of artistic endeavour.

The staff of Mnemosyne

Mnemosyne was the ancient Greek goddess of language and reason, responsible for naming objects and inventing words. She was also the mother of the Muses, which demonstrates her links with Pegasus and therefore Trinity's mission to promote the arts and language around the world.

Dramatic masks

The masks of comedy and tragedy are well-known symbols of drama, which is a key component of Trinity's range of examinations. However, drama is not merely about entertainment as it encompasses the whole range of oral and musical communication in the same way that Trinity does around the world today.

Fleur de lis

The fleur de lis is the heraldic representation of the iris, the flower most closely associated with communication and language. In addition, the fleur de lis has traditionally been used to represent the Holy Trinity, so our fleur de lis symbolises Trinity communicating with the world and the people of the world communicating with each other.

Replacement Certificates

All replacement certificates will now be issued on the new certificate design with immediate effect.

Requests for replacement certificates should follow current procedures. Further information about this can be found on www.trinitycollege.co.uk/certificates

Feedback

We value all customer feedback – if you would like to submit any comments about the new certificates, please email certificates@trinitycollege.co.uk

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