

Robert Finan

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EDUCATION

Trinity College Dublin

BA Mathematics & Philosophy (Class of 2026)

- Predicted First Class Honours (74%)
- Academic references from Prof. Vasilis Politis, Prof. James Levine, Dr. Richard Teague
- Extracurriculars: The Metaphysical Society, The Philosophical Society, The Historical Society, Quiz Society, Visual Arts Society

Drogheda Grammar School (2016 – 2022)

- Leaving Certificate: 625 points (maximum)
- DATS Testing: 99th percentile in Quantitative Ability; 98th percentile overall
- Extracurricular: Car Mechanics Club, AILO (All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad), Classics Club, Creative Writing Club.

Early University Entrance (DCU) (2019 – 2020)

- Engineering & Mathematical Sciences

Centre for Talented Youth Ireland (CTYI) (2016 – 2019)

- Completed courses: Robotics, Theoretical Physics, Computer Science, Medicine, Advertising & Marketing

PAPERS

Published:

- Reassessing Cantorian Cardinality: Conceptual and Pragmatic Objections to ‘Transfinite Numbers’ — *Trinity Student Philosophy Review*, 2025 [[Read](#)]

Under Review in Global Undergraduate Awards:

- The Misguided Debate Over Existential Import: Ambiguity and the Categorical Forms [[Read](#)]
- The Good is Not a Form: Metaphysical Continuity in Plato, Plotinus and Augustine [[Read](#)]
- Must Evil Be Rendered Productive? Evaluating Ricœur’s Response to the Problem of Evil [[Read](#)]

In Progress:

- Taking Conceptual Solipsism Seriously
 - On Quine’s Account of Ontological Commitment
 - On Time
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TEACHING & MENTORING

Mathematics & Philosophy Tutor – *Freelance* (Sep 2022–Present)

- Worked with students aged 6–21, including neurodiverse students
- Delivered tailored instruction both online and in person
- Developed lesson plans and managed scheduling/admin tasks
- Wrote and marked assessments

Residential Assistant – *CTYI* (Jul 2023)

- Mentored gifted youth during academic summer sessions
- Coordinated events and maintained discipline

Cinnire – *Campa Gaeilge* (Aug 2019)

- Mentored taught young (aged 4-13) students during summer sessions
- Coordinated events and maintained discipline

Mentor & Prefect – *Drogheda Grammar School*

- Supported junior students through mentoring programmes
- Helped with study skills

AWARDS & ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

- Trinity Entrance Exhibition Award
- All Ireland Mathematics Award – Irish Mathematics Teachers Association
- Drogheda Grammar School – Award for Visual Art, contribution to the school

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ATTENDED

- *Knowledge, Techne, and the Rule of the Guardians in Plato's Republic* – Danish Institute at Athens (Prof. Rachel Barney)
- *Philosophy of Mathematics* – Université de Lille (Various speakers)
- Philosophy Today Series – Trinity College Dublin (Various speakers)
- *Nietzsche and St. Thomas: Thomism After MacIntyre* – The Priory Institute (Prof. Michael Sherwin, OP)
- Metaphysical & Philosophical Society Lectures – Trinity College Dublin (Various speakers)

CERTIFICATIONS & SKILLS

- Manual Handling Certification; Garda Vetted; HTML, CSS, Python, JavaScript; Graphic Design

References:

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