

**2020**

**6<sup>th</sup> FORM  
PROSPECTUS**

**TRINITY**  
SIXTH FORM ACADEMY



# WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of all staff, I would like to welcome you to Trinity Sixth Form Academy. We are an outstanding 6th Form that is quickly gaining its reputation as a national centre of academic and pastoral excellence. Our 2019 results placed us in the top 10% of 6th Forms nationally and we are the leading provider in Calderdale for student progress. Our expectations are high, but we guarantee the highest standards of academic challenge, pastoral support and a positive culture based on our Professional Standards.

We do not put a ceiling on what young people can achieve and strive to provide a truly personalised experience. Nothing is more important to us than ensuring students leave us 'life ready'. This includes having an excellent set of qualifications, but also being able to reflect and draw upon their own virtues, making Trinity graduates confident and well rounded individuals. Our Professional Standards are at the centre of all decision making, and students should expect to feel part of something truly special as they progress through 6th Form.

Teaching is outstanding, but equally important is our enrichment and leadership programme. No stone is left unturned in our quest to develop learners holistically; instilling a sense of moral purpose and preparing students for the next chapter of their lives.

Our Personal Progress Tutor (PPT) team encourage each student to believe they can succeed, and have the relevant experiences to draw upon.

Thank you for showing an interest in Trinity Sixth Form Academy. Please contact us directly to discover more about how our 6th Form can mark the next step in your education and development – we will be happy to help.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Fitzsimons".

**Michael Fitzsimons**  
Principal

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**"We strive to equip learners with the necessary qualities, skills and knowledge to become 'Life Ready Learners'."**



# WELCOME FROM THE CEO

Welcome to Trinity Sixth Form Academy.

For a number of years I, along with many other colleagues, have shared a vision for a specialist post-16 college for the young people of Calderdale. We can now say, with some confidence, that it has been delivered.

Trinity Sixth Form Academy is unique. It offers a far wider range of academic courses than any 11-18 provider. It is a bespoke learning environment, where all staff are post-16 experts. It has a town centre location, near all major bus and rail links.

It is borne out of a collaborative determination to deliver the very best learning experience for our young people. It has benefited from a £20m+ investment, boasting state-of-the-art facilities. It is a stepping stone to university and beyond. It is, in summary, the future of post-16 provision in Calderdale.

Welcome to the future.



**Michael Gosling**  
CEO



**“We see the relationship between staff, students and parents/carers as a team approach. Integrity forms the foundation for all decisions; we are on the journey together and will do everything we can to ensure that our students are life ready.”**



# DEVELOPING LIFE READY LEARNERS

Choosing a post-16 provider is an incredibly important and often challenging decision. However, we believe that the most rewarding experiences in our lives often bring with them the highest level of challenge.

We encourage all applicants to not only develop a strong understanding of their chosen subjects, allowing them to progress onto Higher Education or Apprenticeships, but also to understand the personal commitment they make to themselves as a member of our 6th Form community.

Students attending Trinity 6th Form will be challenged, inspired and supported in equal measure, and will receive an education that opens doors to world-class universities and employers.

Being successful requires a strong sense of moral and academic purpose and it is our job to ensure students can self motivate and become autonomous in their approach to independent study. We therefore work very closely with students to provide an inclusive and supportive environment which allows forward progression for all. At the heart of this are our Professional Standards. These form the basis for what our culture is all about at Trinity Sixth Form Academy, preparing students to be tough, hard working and most importantly; nice people.

## Our Professional Standards are:

- Mental Toughness
- Attention to Detail
- Work Ethic
- Integrity

We set incredibly high targets for students, and our progress and attainment rates place Trinity 6th Form within the top 10% of 6th Forms nationally. But the most important part of a student's journey is to do with the development of character. Striving for 100% attendance, being punctual and having a good attitude all require effort and commitment, and are pre-requisites for future success and happiness. Our support systems ensure that these qualities are modelled and instilled through our continual reflection of the Professional Standards.



**“To do the  
common thing,  
uncommonly well,  
brings success.”  
- Henry J. Heinz**

# RESULTS

2019 was a record breaking year for Trinity Sixth Form Academy and we gained the best post 16 results in Calderdale!

National 2019 A-Level results ranked Trinity Sixth Form Academy in the top 10% of 6th Form Colleges nationally for the progress students make. We use a system called Alps to measure the overall performance of students. It measures the progress that students have made since their starting points and is calculated from the grades they gained at GCSE.

## Our Headlines:

- Alps 2 (placing us in the top 10% of 6th Forms Nationally)
- An overall Average Points Score of 37.4
- An A-Level Average Points Score of 36.2
- An A-Level average grade of a B-
- An Applied General APS of 40.36
- An Applied General Average Grade of a Distinction\* (the highest grade obtainable)
- An A-Level pass rate of 99.2%

Our students receive a first class education within an aspirational, disciplined environment, offering them limitless opportunities, and the very best facilities, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Through our balanced curriculum, extensive personalised support and through our Trinity Succession Scheme, students achieve remarkable results and go on to their first choice destinations. These range from places at Oxbridge Universities to Higher and Degree Level Apprenticeships with local and national firms.

**ALPS2  
- Top 10% of 6th  
Forms nationally**

**A-Level average  
grade of B-**

**A-Level  
pass rate of 99%**

**Average grade  
in vocational  
subjects  
of Distinction**

## HE+ Programme:

We offer our own unique HE+ programme which encourages students to compete for places at the top universities with a focus on Oxbridge applications. Students who have the potential to attend Oxbridge (Cambridge and Oxford) universities receive specialist guidance to assist them in applying for these prestigious universities. Not all students wish to progress onto university, and students are supported regardless of future next steps - our focus is always on providing the right support for a student's personal ambition.

# A UNIQUE PACKAGE OF SUPPORT

We offer students a unique package of support to ensure that they achieve their potential and flourish in their time with us. Our support includes:

## **A dedicated Personal Progress Tutor (PPT):**

Every student is assigned a Personal Progress Tutor (PPT). The role of a PPT is that of an academic and pastoral mentor. Every student meets regularly with their PPT and has access to them throughout the week. Where specific needs are identified the PPT will put together a package of bespoke support. This can include additional direct support from class teachers, to specialist assistance with a UCAS application. The PPTs also lead a programme of sessions on key topics such as critical thinking, workshops on independent study, mental health awareness and preparing for future interviews.

## **Our PPT Tutorial Programme**

The PPT programme is delivered through the PPT team and consists of weekly sessions targeted at preparing students to be 'world ready'. Within this time, PPTs will hold seminars on a wide range of topics, including:

- Effective revision strategies
- Healthy relationships
- Sexual, mental and physical health
- Road safety
- Mindfulness
- Establishing our core values
- Interview skills
- UCAS applications and Unifrog searches
- Apprenticeship seminars
- Gap year pathways
- Budgeting and finance
- Critical thinking

## **A robust Admissions and Guidance process:**

Choosing the right courses and being secure in your choices is essential and at the heart of our application process. Our Senior Leaders will meet with students early in the year. At this meeting we will discuss future aspirations and offer guidance regarding course selection. On GCSE results and 6th Form enrolment day, students will meet our specialist advisors who will help them decide what is best and cater for their needs. Some students will still have concerns about their course choices as we start in September, and our PPT team will be on hand to advise, support and make any changes where necessary. Getting the right fit for our students is essential to us. For a full list of the subjects included in our curriculum and the specific entry criteria for each subject, please visit our website.

## **Personalised Intervention:**

Fundamentally, students earn their place to study at Trinity Sixth Form Academy and should never doubt their capacity to learn, work hard and succeed on their associated courses. What we do that separates us as a leading national provider is provide personalised, transparent and early intervention packages for all of our students. Our Professional Standards mean that we act with integrity and take the hard option when necessary, and that involves learning our own personal capacities for hard work. We work with students, teachers and all wider stakeholders, to ensure that students have the best opportunities in front of them. This is different for every individual but might include opportunities to work one to one with class teachers, engaging in some work experience, practicing interview techniques with an employer, working in our Achievement Centre or re-visiting past content by

attending Year 12 seminars as a Year 13 student. Our staff will go the extra mile for students and the impact of this is reflected not only in our results, but also in the professionalism and determination of our students who leave us 'life ready'.

### **Regular Assessment and Support:**

We want students to know how they are progressing at all times and we teach students how to reflect properly through our PPT programme. Students must have the ability to spot their own strengths and areas for development, knowing how they can achieve their target grades and personal goals in the most efficient way possible. Success breeds happiness and students must know when to celebrate personal achievement and learn from mistakes. We assess students formally every 4 - 7 weeks through our calendared Progress Checks. Class teachers use regular weekly Spaced Repetition Testing and PPTs discuss progress openly with students and parents, reflecting on the Professional Standards continually.

**“Y13 Students noted that they felt they had become better independent learners over the time they had spent in 6th Form, and that they felt ready for next year.”**  
**- SIP, 2019**

### **A first class learning environment and specialist subject teachers:**

As part of a growing Multi Academy Trust, Trinity Sixth Form Academy is able to attract the very best teaching staff. Teachers of our 6th Form classes have outstanding track records ensuring that students are receiving the very best in education in their specialist subjects. We are fortunate to also have been able to have direct involvement in the design of our new building in the centre of Halifax, which we believe will enable us to take our 6th Form provision to another level.

### **Graduation Scheme:**

When students join Year 12 they are enrolled on to our Graduation Programme. By achieving a set of specific criteria, they are able to graduate into Year 13 with confidence and knowledge of their strengths and areas for improvement. Students must work towards six succession criteria which are centred around:

- Progress & Achievement
- Attendance & Punctuality
- Professional Conduct
- Enrichment and Leadership
- Workplace Encounters
- Cultural Capital

Every student records their progress in the 'Graduation Journal'. Whilst of course academic attainment is crucial, the graduation programme emphasises the importance of holistic, individual development. It is our opportunity to celebrate students for their qualities and virtues and requires them to get involved in activities outside of the classroom. For more information about our graduation scheme, please visit our website.

**“Student conduct, both when supervised and when unsupervised, was exemplary.”**  
**- SIP, 2019**



**Town centre  
location**

**State of the  
art facilities**

**Close to  
transport links**



# ENRICHMENT, LEADERSHIP AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Developing Life Ready Learners is much more than a programme of academic study, and we offer students a wide range of opportunities to challenge them as individuals and allow them to develop skills and attributes that cannot be gained in the classroom. These types of experiences are also crucial to support university and apprenticeship applications. A flavour of these can be found below:

- Amnesty International
- British Sign Language
- Cooking Skills
- Counselling
- CLA Mentor
- Covea Business Development
- Covea Work Experience
- Duke of Edinburgh
- First Aid
- HE+
- Lesson Support
- Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)
- National Citizen Service
- Primary School Support
- Sign Language
- Social Science Researcher
- Trinity Sports Teams
- Student Editors
- Voluntary Work and Work Experience



Leadership skills are highly regarded at Trinity Sixth Form Academy, and we have a number of student led responsibility areas. Typically, each comes with responsibility for a particular component of 6th Form life and become integral to the lifeblood and culture of the Academy. Opportunities include:

- Head Boy
- Head Girl
- Charity Committee Leadership
- Culture Committee Leadership
- Sport Committee Leadership
- Charity Committee Member
- Culture Committee Member
- Sport Committee Member
- Sports Leaders
- Library Leader
- SEN Leadership

### Trinity Talks:

Public speaking is the number one fear in society today. Being 'life ready' means that all students at Trinity Sixth Form Academy will experience public speaking in some form. Our mantra is simple; all students must finish 6th Form with the knowledge and confidence that they can perform public speaking when required in the future - fear, will not hold us back. For a small number of students who wish to excel in this field, we hold termly 'Trinity Talks' events. University professors, external guest speakers, members of staff and 6th Form students are invited to host Trinity Talks and lectures typically last anywhere from 20 and 45 minutes.



# ASPIRATIONS

## University partnerships, Unifrog, UCAS guidance, C&K Careers Service and HE+

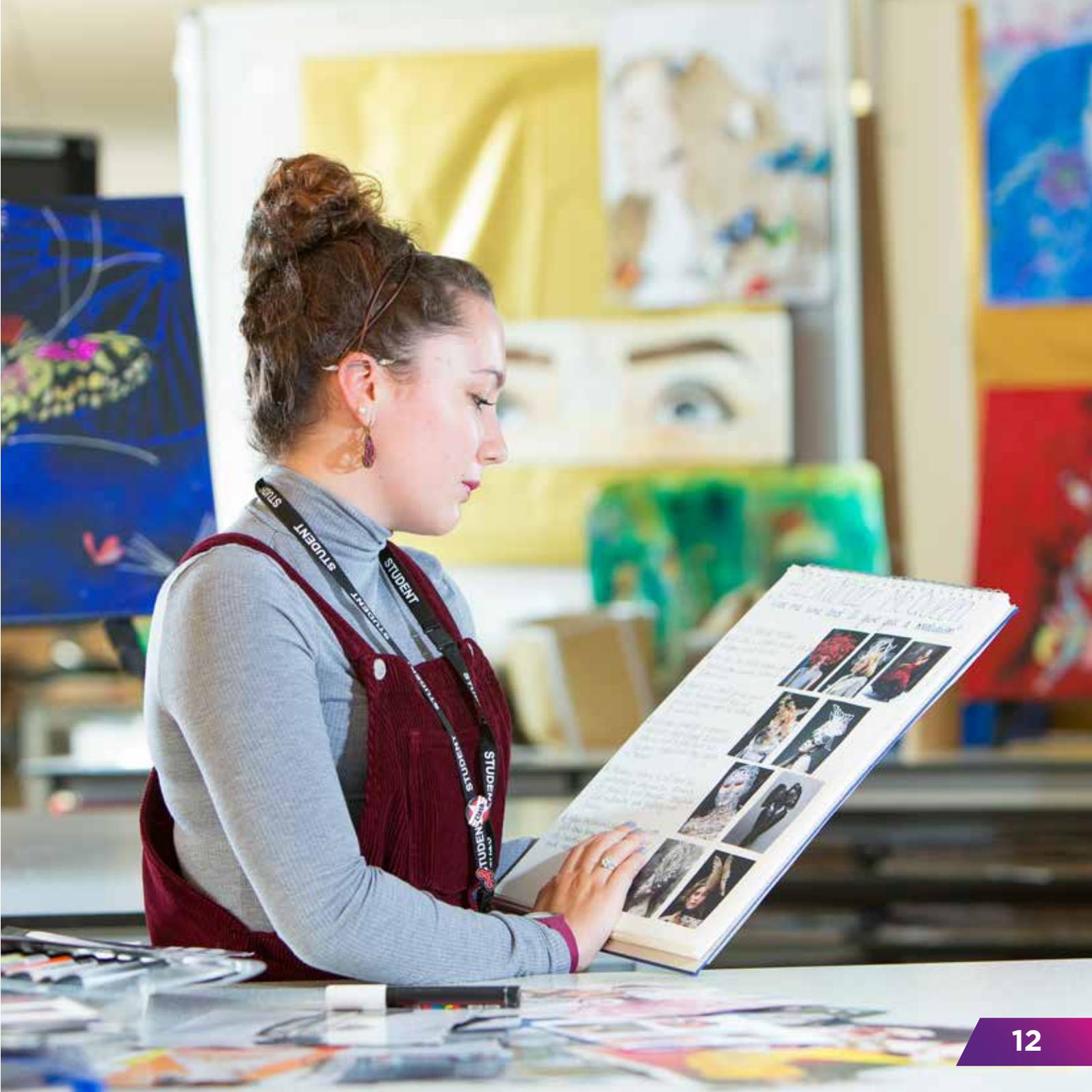
All students are supported in their aspirations and goals for life after Trinity Sixth Form Academy. For many students, uncovering what their aspirations are is a challenge in itself.

Trinity recognises this and places great emphasis on providing high quality advice through our PPT team and through our independent service C&K Careers. Every student will meet individually with our C&K advisor at least once in their first year, with opportunities for as many follow up meetings as are required. Furthermore, the PPT team spend time in weekly PPT sessions, advising and teaching students where to find both university and apprenticeship opportunities and how to act on these. This one to one support includes:

- Independent and impartial careers guidance by a C&K professional
- Collaborative work with employers and apprenticeship providers
- Annual visits to the National University fairs

- Workshops and seminars for students and parents which shed light on the university and apprenticeship application process, students finance and alternative post-18 pathways
- Participation in our Annual Aspirations event at Trinity Sixth Form Academy
- Seminars on how to use search platforms such as Unifrog, The National Careers Service and Gov.uk.
- Partnership work with other providers for Russell Group and Oxbridge applicants
- UCAS, apprenticeship and employment application support; including mock interviews





# OUR CURRICULUM

Our 6th Form offers a wide range of subjects, all delivered by teachers who are specialists in their field. We have a strong emphasis on providing the right guidance so that students select the correct courses for their future ambitions. We will also respond wherever possible to the needs of our students, by offering the courses that support them in realising their preferred destinations.

## Our Courses:

### A-Level

Art, Art and Design - 3D Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Further Maths, Geography, German, Government & Politics, History, Maths, Photography, Physics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology

### Vocational

BTEC Applied Science, BTEC Business, BTEC Health and Social Care, OCR ICT, BTEC Performing Arts, BTEC Sport

### Additional

Extended Project Qualification, Core Maths

Below you will find information regarding our application process and entry requirements. A core part of our application process focuses upon students selecting the best fit for their future career plans.

All offers are subject to confirmation of final grades on GCSE Results Day.

### Entry Requirements

Students wishing to study at Trinity Sixth Form Academy are required to achieve 5 or more GCSEs (or equivalent) graded at 5 or above, including English and Maths. Some individual subjects have their own entry requirements.

The entry requirements are at the Principal's discretion, individual cases of grade 4 will be considered.

### Application Process

Applications are made online at <https://sixth.trinitymat.org/>



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