

Policy: Trinity Scholars Admissions

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Lead professional: M Fitzsimons - Principal

Status: Non-Statutory

Name of academy: Trinity Sixth Form Academy

#### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 There are a limited number of places available.
- 1.2 Applications will be accepted from current Year 11 students wishing to join Trinity Sixth Form Academy (TSFA) in Year 12.
- 1.3 Two pathways exist: The School of Medicine and Oxbridge.

### 2 Entry requirements

- 2.1 Eligibility for the Trinity Scholars programme is:
  - 1. GCSE APS = 8.0+.
  - 2. Year 11 application to TSFA by application deadline.
  - 3. Exemplary school report or reference.
  - 4. Letter of application explaining why you should be considered for the Trinity Scholars programme.
  - 5. Selection of Level 3 programme of study that is an all A-Level pathway\*

    \*Specific degree courses will require specific A-Levels. It would be compulsory that the A-Level pathway matched the university course requirements.
- 2.2 Pathway specific requirements please refer to the TSFA website for further details.

#### 3 Priority of places on the Trinity Scholars programme:

3.1 TSFA will offer places to learners based on the quality of their application, their performance in interview and their performance in their Level 2 qualifications.

### 4 Maintenance of places on the Trinity Scholars programme:

Continued membership on the Trinity Scholars Programme is also at the discretion of the academy and subject to certain stipulations. Students would be expected to:

- 1. Maintain a minimum TSFA graduation score of 2:1. This relies on:
  - a. Overall academy attendance = 95%+
  - b. Conduct = Higher APs, very low BPs and a very high net score
  - c. Enrichment = Level 1, 2 and 3 enrichments completed weekly (as appropriate to the time of year).
  - d. Work experience and volunteering = Face to face work experience or meaningful virtual work experience completed.
- 2. Attainment/Progress = Maintenance of target grade
- 3. Attendance at tutoring = 95+% attendance at agreed tutoring sessions.
- 4. Attendance at Trinity Scholars meetings = 95+%.

## 5 **Application Process**

- 5.1 Students can apply through the Trinity Sixth Form academy website and/or the Trinity Scholars webpage.
- 5.2 Consideration will be given to all aspects of the application, as well as places available on requested subjects, before an interview can be arranged.
- 5.3 Students will be selected for interview based on the quality of their applications.
- 5.4 Invitations for interviews will be sent out after the application deadline and interviews will take place in Mid-March. All interviews will be conducted by the Trinity Scholars team at TSFA.
- 5.5 During the interview students must demonstrate the following:
- A strong commitment to the mission and the ethos of TSFA.
- Confirmation of predicted grades that are likely to meet the entry requirements for Trinity Scholars.
- 5.6 Students should bring their latest progress report/mock exam results to the interview.
- 5.7 Students should be aware that TSFA staff may discuss predicted grades with their school.
- In some cases, we may feel that the Trinity Scholars programme is not suitable for the applicant, or the applicant will not benefit from the programme and alternative options may be suggested.
- 5.9 TSFA reserves the right to refuse admission to Trinity Scholars if previous behaviour, attendance, effort, achievement or any other significant factor has cause for concern, even if a conditional offer has already been made.

- 5.10 TSFA maintains the right to withdraw an offer if a student submits false or misleading information, or is involved in misconduct on or off the academy site.
- TSFA has the right to withdraw a student from the Trinity Scholars programme should they not meet the 'Maintenance of a Place' criteria set out in section 4 of this policy. In these cases, applicants will be informed at the earliest opportunity by Scholars staff and parents will receive a written communication explaining the decision.

### 6 Confirmation of places and late Applications

6.1 Confirmation of a place on the Trinity Scholars programme is made upon successful admission to the academy. Some students may wish to apply post enrolment due to higher-than-expected GCSE outcomes and/or a change in aspirations. All places must be confirmed by Friday 13 October 2023.

# 7 Late Applications

- 7.1 Any application received by TSFA after the application deadline will be considered a late application and the student will be placed on a waiting list.
  - a. Late applications can be made via the academy website.
  - b. Students placed on the waiting list will be invited to interview at the Principal's discretion.
  - c. Consideration will be given to all aspects of the application form as well as places

## 8 Appeals Process

- 8.1 If an applicant wishes to appeal regarding any decision, he /she is advised to make the case in writing to the Principal within two weeks of the decision.
- 8.2 The Principal has the sole right to receive appeals and will make the final judgement in relation to appeals about admissions.

#### Notes

- 2. TSFA cannot accept applications from students residing outside of the UK.
- 3. Only in exceptional circumstances will current TSFA students be authorised to restart Y12.
- 4. Students wanting to join TSFA in Year 12 from another post-16 institution will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- 5. Applications from students who will be 18 years or older when they plan to start studying will not be considered as the academy has no provision for adult learners.
- 6. Any application received after the application deadline will be considered a late application and the student will be placed on the waiting list.