Trinity Sixth Form Academy: Provider Access Statement

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the arrangements for managing the access of providers to the college, for the purpose of giving students information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the college's legal obligations under Section 42B and 45A of the Education Act 1997, as mentioned by the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 and the Provider Access Legislation (PAL), as updated in May 2025 statutory guidance.

Student entitlement

All students in Years 12-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of an aspirations programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships, through options events, assemblies, group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

For students in Year 12 and 13, particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are a minimum of 2 provider encounters to take place any time during Year 12 or between 1 September and 28 February during Year 13, which are optional for pupils to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- Share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships that the provider offers.
- Explain what career routes those options could lead to.
- Provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider).
- Answer questions from pupils.

Prior to an encounter we encourage providers to share information about both their provision and the courses they offer so that this can be shared with parents and carers.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the Making it Meaningful checklist. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live, online engagement with our pupils.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years some of the providers from the local area invited to speak to our pupils were:

- The University of Huddersfield
- The University of Leeds
- The University of Bradford
- Leeds Trinity University
- Bradford College
- Calderdale College
- Covea Insurance
- West Yorkshire Fire Service
- West Yorkshire Police
- NHS
- Solenis

Destinations of our pupils
Last year our Year 13 pupils moved on to a range of providers. Our most popular destinations were:

- The University of Huddersfield
- Leeds Beckett University
- The University of Bradford
- The University of Leeds
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Leeds Trinity University

Approximately 78% of our leavers 2025 are continuing in education or taking part in an apprenticeship, with over 20% of these students attending Sutton 30 universities this year.

Students progressed on to a range of apprenticeships / employment sectors including finance, healthcare, hospitality and military service.

Trinity Scholars students were successful in securing offers and subsequent places at Oxbridge and medical school after fulfilling the entry requirements in their examinations.

Management of provider access requests
The college offers the 2 provider encounters **required by law** and a number of additional events integrated into the Aspirations Programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into college to speak to pupils or their parents/carers.

A provider wishing to request access should contact:
Claire Whitworth – Associate Assistant Principal
Telephone: 01422 240033
Email: cwhitworth@sixth.trinitymat.org

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the college's Aspirations Programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into the college to speak to students and/or their parents/carers.

Please see below for an outline of planned events throughout the year:

Year 12	• National Apprenticeship Week.
	• Assembly with apprenticeship providers / workshops.
	• National Careers Week.
	• Assembly from local employers / workshops.
	• Labour Market Information workshops.
	• Our annual Aspirations Conference.
	• Psychology careers month.
	• Enrichment opportunities with external partners.
	• Work experience opportunities (including virtual) with external partners.
	• Opportunities to apply for raising aspirations schemes such as 'Access to Leeds.'
	• University guest talks and visits.
	• Trinity+ programme:
	  ○ Personal Development programme.
	  ○ Life Ready Lesson (e.g. CV writing, application techniques).
	• Careers in the core curriculum talks.
	• Introduction to the UCAS process.
	• UCAT / university admissions tests support.
	• Alumni talks.
	• University summer schools information.

Year 13	• National Apprenticeship Week. • Assembly with apprenticeship providers / workshops. • National Careers Week. • Assembly from local employers / workshops. • Labour Market Information. • Our annual Aspirations Conference. • Psychology careers month. • Mock interviews with external employers. • Work experience opportunities (including virtual) with external partners. • UCAT / university admissions tests support. • Student finance talks and seminars through Trinity+ programme. • Ongoing UCAS support with statement and application. • CV and cover letter writing workshops. • Workshops for SEND students. • Alumni talks.

We would also welcome further opportunities to bring students to visit organisations at their own premises. Please speak with our careers leader to identify the most appropriate opportunity for you.

Premises and Facilities

The college will make the Achievement Centre, classrooms, or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The college will also give the provider access to specialist equipment, such as computers, for presentations where appropriate. This will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the career's leader or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the reception desk of the college. The Achievement Centre is available to all students at break and lunchtimes.

Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the college's complaints procedure or directly with The Careers and Enterprise Company.

Approval and Review

Approved September 2025 by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee
Next review: September 2026

Signed: