



# Welcome

As Principal, I am pleased to welcome you to Trinity Academy Halifax. This is the beginning of an





## All Year 7 students join our Graduation programme

At Trinity Academy Halifax, our Year 8 students 'graduate' at the end of Phase 1. This aims to raise their aspirations, and help make students feel more motivated for their upcoming GCSE studies.

As Year 7 students, your child will be enrolled in the programme and work towards graduating from Phase 1. At the end of their two year journey, parents will be invited to celebrate their child's achievements at a memorable ceremony, complete with traditional cap and gown. Being able to graduate requires students to meet a number of minimum requirements around behaviour, attendance, meeting subject targets and participation in extra-curricular and public speaking events.

Students are regularly updated and advised so they are aware of their progress towards these targets. All students receive a Graduation Journal, so they can check whether they are on track and set targets accordingly. Graduation targets are explored in more detail at Parental Consultation Evenings, but parents can also discuss these with their child at home before each term begins.

## Year 7 Knowledge Organisers

As part of the curriculum at Trinity Academy Halifax, students are required to gain key knowledge in all their subjects. To support this acquisition of knowledge, all students will be provided with 'knowledge organisers' for English, maths, science, history, geography, French or Spanish. As part of their weekly homework students will be expected to revise from each knowledge organiser in preparation for a bi-termly multiple choice test.

This knowledge will equip them not only to understand each subject in more depth and set the foundations for GCSE study, but will also help them to understand the world around them. This method of study has proven very successful with current Year 7 and 8 students in providing both them and their parents/carers with an overview of the knowledge they are gaining on a term by term basis.

To ensure students are able to recall subject specific knowledge, they will be given one piece of homework from each subject per week. Homework Club is available to support students after school if they wish to attend. It is a quiet space where students can complete their homework.

## Please log on to ParentPay before your child starts with us.

ParentPay is a nationally recognised, secure online system that allows you to pay the academy for everything from meals to trips. By topping up your account your child can make the most of their breaks.

Benefits of the system include:

- Completely secure and easy to use
- You can see what food your child has been purchasing
- Saves you from searching for cash and improves the security of payments
- If your child receives Free School Meals you can top this up so they can make a purchase in the morning or at break
- Pay for trips in affordable instalments
- Support available if you are unsure of how it works.

Your log-in details and information will be provided in preparation for your child's start date - please do log on and top up your child's account.



Trinity Academy Halifax is committed to upholding the highest standards and expectations. Our Professional Standards serve as a guide for all

## Helping your child to prepare...

Trinity Academy has comprehensive support in place for all students. We are determined that each and every student will get the most from their time here.

The Home Academy Agreement outlines our expectations and what you can expect from us. We encourage you to discuss this with your child.

### Uniform success...

- Blazer worn correctly with sleeves fully rolled down
- Shirt/blouse fully buttoned with tie worn correctly
- Smart black shoes - please note that pumps, suede footwear, boots and black trainers are not allowed
- Smart black pleated skirt /trousers - skirts with official academy logo
- Mobile telephones not used at any point during the academy day - please remember they will be confiscated if seen
- Full PE kit is required on the day that your child is timetabled to have PE, if your child is unable to take part in the lesson they are still required to have their full kit.

A smart uniform is crucial to success at Trinity Academy. Please note that we do not allow pumps, long boots or black trainers to be worn. If a belt is worn this must be plain black leather (or leather look) with a non-decorative buckle. Students are also not allowed to bring hoodies to the academy. The academy uniform policy must be followed on students' journey to and from the academy.

### The role of the Personal Organiser...

All students are supplied with their own Personal Organiser. This is a vital piece of equipment and students are expected to bring it to the academy each day.

It is also a useful tool for you - here you can view a record of the homework your child has been set, and see a weekly record of their behaviour and attendance.

### The Trinity Academy Anti-Bullying Treaty

Our academy community is a warm, welcoming one where students respect and support one another. As part of this, we have a real focus upon educating young people about bullying and its effects.

We work to educate students to understand how differences should be celebrated, and how as a community we support each other.

The importance of our Anti-bullying Treaty will be high profile for our new Year 7 students. The treaty, which was written by our students and driven by our values, reinforces Trinity's approach to bullying.

Remember, our College Manager team are here to support all aspects of the learning process and are available to help and support.

### Year 7 Residential

At Trinity Academy we strive to ensure that students have enriching experiences beyond the classroom. Year 7 students have the opportunity to go on a residential trip for two nights. During their stay, students will experience a range of activities which may include abseiling, archery, bushcraft skills, zip wires, high ropes and dance mania. The aim of the residential is to develop your child's teamwork, resilience and independence in a range of difference scenarios. All of our students who have been in previous years have loved the experience!

More information to follow.



## Useful contacts and sources of information...

### Trinity Academ Halifax

T: 01422 244890 E: [contactus@halifax.trinitymat.org](mailto:contactus@halifax.trinitymat.org)

Please use these details for any general queries including contacting College Managers. Student absences can be reported by calling 01422 244890 and selecting option '1'.

### Trinity Academ Halifax Website

[www.halifax.trinitymat.org](http://www.halifax.trinitymat.org)

Here you can access up-to-date information on all aspects of academy life, including term dates and links to resources such as ParentPay.

### Uniform Shop

Official branded uniform items can be purchased from:

Shaw Hardcastle, 20 Commercial Street, Halifax, HX1 1TB • 01422 353949

The Uniform Shop, 25 Union Street, Halifax, HX1 1PR • 01422 382550

### SharePoint & Trinity TV

SharePoint is the academy's online portal for students. Here students can access a range of resources and information. Please note that they will be given a log-in for this when they start at the academy and can then access it via the main academy homepage. Through SharePoint students will be able to access Trinity TV where online resources are available.

### Trinity Safety Net

Trinity Safety Net is an anonymous online platform where students can find information and advice about mental health, lifestyle, relationships, and school. Once they log in, they can use the helpful links, videos, and resources which are accessible for you. Visit Website

### Settling in evening

All parents will be invited to a special Settling-in evening. You will be provided with details nearer the time. This will be an opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing and if you feel any additional support is required.

Please do contact us on the main academy telephone number should you require any additional information, support or advice: 01422 244890.





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