



Trinity Academy Grammar YR 11 Careers Newsletter for Students and Parents – January 2026

The information in this newsletter is designed to be of benefit to **students in Year 11** and is addressed to them but it is strongly encouraged that it is circulated to **parents and carers** for them to read so they can support their sons/daughters to a positive destination after school.

Careers Guidance in School

All Year 11s have now been offered a one-to-one appointment with the Careers Adviser for a guidance appointment. I am happy to see you again if you require any further guidance or help so, please ask. If you have any questions, you can come contact me on Ben.Burgin@ckcareers.org.uk or BBurgin@grammar.trinitymat.org and I will arrange to see you.

I can also help with college applications, interviews, CVs, job searches as well as further guidance appointments.

College/Sixth Form

A lot of the Colleges and Sixth Forms have had their Open Events for this academic year but there are still a few remaining. Do check the individual college websites for dates and most will have information online if you missed a face to face event. Below are a few select dates:

Calderdale College: Monday 19th January 4pm-6:30pm

Kirklees College: Saturday 7th February 10:30am-1pm

Askham Bryan: Saturday 24th January 10:30am-1pm

Burnley College: Tuesday 10th February 5:30pm-8:30pm

Leeds College of Building: Saturday 28th March 10am-1pm

Leeds City College (including Leeds Sixth Form College) : Saturday 24th January 10am-1pm

Bradford College: Saturday 7th February 10am-1pm

Applications to College/Sixth Form

If you haven't yet started making applications to Sixth Form or College, it is a good idea to start as soon as you can.

You will usually be asked to do this through the Sixth Form or Colleges' own website. If you are struggling to apply, please ask and help can be given.

You must make sure your application is sent to the college before their deadline. Each college and sixth form will have slightly different application deadlines so please don't miss them. A few have already closed their applications. Please check the individual websites but below are a few published deadlines:

North Halifax Grammar School: Friday 9th January

Trinity Sixth Form Academy: Tuesday 3rd February

Brooksbank Sixth Form: Monday 9th February

Ryburn Sixth Form: Monday 2nd February

Kirklees College: Thursday 30th April (applications are strongly encouraged before this deadline)

Some of the FE Colleges like **Calderdale College** and **Bradford College** have not yet published an application deadline or may keep their applications open throughout the year.

However, it is worth applying for some courses as soon as possible as they can fill up quickly.

Please double check the dates above with the sixth form or college website and if the college or sixth form is not listed above please look at their website.

Apprenticeships

If you are interested in going into the World of Work after school; apprenticeship vacancies will start to be advertised this term and next term on:

*College and Training Provider websites (on behalf of employers)

*The National Apprenticeship Website

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

*The C+K Careers My Directions website

<https://ck.mydirections.co.uk>

Any pupil who has expressed an interest in apprenticeships; I will be arranging to see you for another one-to-one appointment later this term to provide targeted support. However, you can request to see me at any point. Don't wait for me to come and find you. This support could include how to look for vacancies, writing a CV, completing an application form etc. As well as discussing your motivations for doing an apprenticeship and to take any questions you might have.

Apprenticeships can be very competitive; that is not to say you won't be successful in securing one, but it is important you have a back up plan if you don't secure one straight out of school.

It is worth applying for a full time course at college or sixth form as a back up.

***Date for your Diary-Calderdale**

Apprenticeship Fair-The Shay Stadium-

Wednesday 4th March 2025-4:30pm-7:30pm*

Well worth attending if you are interested in apprenticeships! Book at the following link

<https://ck.mydirections.co.uk/events/calderdale-apprenticeship-event-4-march-2026>

Colleges and Sixth Forms asking for further evidence/grades etc

Some colleges and Sixth forms will have contacted you to ask you to provide further details of your predicted grades, a school report, attendance data etc. Some will ask you to bring this data with you to your interview and some will ask you to upload it to an online portal before offering you an interview.

Please make sure you send this data before the deadline stated by the college or 6th form. If you need any help with this, please ask or try and get the data from your form tutor or Head of Year.

It is imperative that you keep checking e-mails and your phone for updates from colleges and 6th forms. They usually e-mail. Also, please make sure your contact details are correct and up to date. If you miss updates you risk missing out on vital information and your place at college/sixth form is at risk.

Interviews

After you've applied to college you should receive a confirmation e-mail to say the college has received your application and most colleges and sixth forms will arrange to see you in person for an interview.

Some of you will have already received mock interviews last term at school and some will be taking part in these this month; so hopefully that will be really beneficial in preparing you for what to expect.

If you apply for an apprenticeship, your employer will almost certainly call you for interview.

An employer and college will understand that you won't have experienced many interviews before and they will not try to "trip you up" or ask questions you don't know the answer to.

They just want to get to know you and find out why you are an appropriate candidate for the course or job you've applied for.

Prepare by doing your research in to the job or course you are applying for and do some research in to the place you will be working or studying. Prepare some questions you would like to ask. Present yourself well, bring with you what has been asked of you and look interested and engaged throughout. If you want to discuss interviews with me, please contact me.

Unsure or require further advice and guidance?

If you have **any questions or queries or require further guidance; I am here to help. Please don't hesitate to contact me using the details below.**

All the best,

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