



# **The Royal Belfast Academical Institution**

**Lower Sixth Information Evening**

# **The Sixth Form** **"Experience"**

**Transition to a  
New & Exciting  
Phase of  
Education**





**If it is to be, it is up  
to me.**



**If it is to be, it is up  
to us.**



Pupils



Parents



School

# Realising Potential Together



**With the support of the parents we want our pupils to be motivated, inspired, hard working and successful.**



# Supporting your son every day

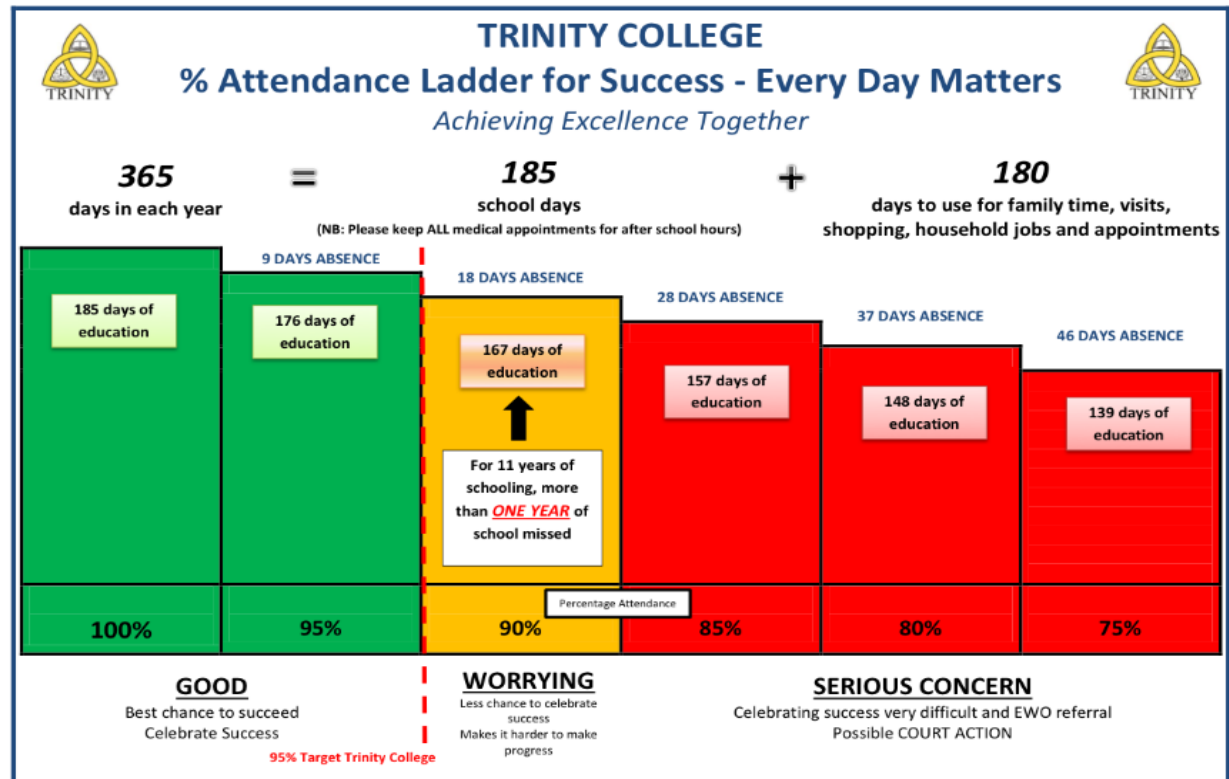


- Continue to encourage your son and praise the effort he makes at home
- Encourage your son to be responsible for organising his daily routine. This includes paid working hours.
- Create a learning environment at home, quiet and conducive to success.
- Discuss with us any issues that may hinder learning or social and emotional development
- Know that your son is present and punctual every day



# Attendance at school.

Department of Education on Attendance and its impact on learning in school





# What you can expect from us..



- Courses to meet your son's needs
- Safe and caring environment
- Positive learning experience
- Regular information on performance and progress
- Efficient system dealing with issues

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# **Developing & Supporting the Individual**

Head of Key Stage 5 – Mr Peak

Housemasters

Heads of Department

Individual Staff

Sixth Form – Mr MacAfee

Careers – Mr O'Neill

Higher Education – Mr Leathley



# Academic Tracking

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KS5 = SIMS  
indicators....Target  
Grade

## Process

Half-termly  
assessments &  
feedback  
End of term reports

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# Careers Department

Mr Chris Leathley  
**Head of Higher Education**



# Post 18 Options

This is the year to research post 18 options, not next year!

Options include:

University

Employment or a Gap Year

Further Education Courses (e.g BTEC, Foundation Degree; Apprenticeship.

School Leaver Programmes





# Overview of 6<sup>th</sup> form Careers Programme

- **Options post-18** (*Higher Education, Employment, Year Out, Further Education/Training*)
- **Specialist Talks** (*Law, Accountancy, Medicine, Engineering, Media, Marketing and Advertising, Computing, Professional Services*)
- **University Talks** (*QUB, UU, Trinity, UCD, Scottish Universities*)
- **Work Experience**
- **Careers Guidance Interview**
- **RBAI Careers Convention**
- **Assessment Centre Day (Year 14)**
- **Introduction to UCAS**



# Work Experience

- **Physical or Virtual** Work Experience
- Yellow Work Experience Form- Boys have been told to return this by **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. They **do not need** to have a **placement organised by this date**.
- **3 Day Work Experience**- anytime between Start of October and end of February .
- **Once pupil has confirmed work-experience placement they go to allocated member of careers team for school insurance form. This must be signed by employer and returned before allowed out on placement.**
- **Physical Placement**- Once pupil has confirmed work-experience placement they get school insurance form signed by employer and returned to school before allowed out on placement. **PREFERRED.**
- **Virtual Placement**- Once pupil has confirmed work-experience placement they get consent form signed by parent/guardian and returned to school before allowed out on placement.



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# Key Dates

**Higher Education Evening-**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
(6pm – 7.30pm)

**Careers Convention-**  
**Wednesday** 4<sup>th</sup> March  
(7pm – 9pm)

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# Sixth Form Centre

Mr Jeremy MacAfee

**Director of the Sixth Form  
Centre**

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## Private Study & Enrichment

Periods without teacher contact

Promoting individual organisation

Common Room

Preparation for work and university

An opportunity to broaden the mind

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## Home study

Home study will be put in place for Pupils in Year 13 and 14.

Can only leave school after lunch when no timetabled lessons from lunch onwards.

NO coming into school late, as you have no

lessons until after break!! Pupils should always be in school for registration and assembly!

Granted once Permission slip returned and signed by parent/guardian.

To be used as extra time to work at home!



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## **The Future? Leadership Opportunities:**

Students are encouraged to take up positions of responsibility within their chosen field of interest. In Year 14 Sixth Formers can become Prefects or Year 8 Mentors. In addition to its sporting activities, the School prides itself on a range of clubs and societies which take place outside normal school time. This is essential when writing UCAS forms in Year 14.

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- Drama
- Debating
- Scout Group
- Duke of Edinburgh
- CCF (Army & RAF)
- Community Service
- Christian Union
- Choir and Orchestra
- Young Enterprise