

Trinity
Academy
Akroydon



Prospectus 2021

Welcome to Trinity Academy Akroydon

Information for parents and students looking to join the academy in 2021

Welcome from the Principal

I am delighted to welcome you to Trinity Academy Akroydon.

The school became Trinity Academy Akroydon in February 2017, opening on the site of the former Rawson Junior & Infant School, when it joined the Trinity Multi-Academy Trust (MAT).

Since then, the staff of the academy and its Governing Body have been working closely with our pupils and their parents to achieve the very best for our community.

Trinity Academy Halifax is the flagship school within the trust. Its students receive an outstanding education in a state-of-the-art building supported by a World Class leadership team and teaching staff. As the first primary school to join the trust, we are determined to deliver the same outstanding education to all our pupils.

Trinity Academy Akroydon is the only primary school which feeds directly into Trinity Academy Halifax. This means we are able to prepare our pupils, from Nursery through to Year 6, for a seamless transition to an outstanding secondary education within the MAT's family of schools.

If you would like to know more about our academy, please contact me at the school – I look forward to speaking with you.



Mrs Annie McNally
Principal



Welcome from the Trinity MAT CEO

As CEO, I offer you a warm welcome to Trinity Academy Akroydon.

Trinity MAT's ethos is a simple one – to ensure that young people in our care fulfil their potential. Everything we do is in pursuit of that one aim. Our foundations are strong, formed as they have been through a commitment to inclusive education, extremely high standards for all and not accepting that we can't. Indeed, we strongly believe that we can, whatever the challenge is.

We are a Church of England (CoE) Trust, and in keeping with our principles we welcome schools of all faiths and none. We also include an exciting variety of institutions, from primary to post-16 education, ranging in size from 180 to 1800 students. Effective collaboration, across a wide number of schools, is an important part of who we are.

Ours is a considered approach to growth, with like-minded people who share the same values. Whilst we have proven systems for school improvement, we passionately believe the thing that makes us special is the people who work for us. We invest heavily in them, teaching and support staff alike, because they make the difference.

If you would like to know more about the trust please visit our website.



Mr Michael Gosling
CEO



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Since joining the Trinity Multi-Academy Trust in February 2017, the academy has become the most improved primary school in Calderdale and is in the top 1% of most improved schools nationally.

While they are important, these results are only part of our story. Our first priority is to create an environment where our pupils enjoy an outstanding education which will set them on the path for lifelong success. The children's safety and happiness is very important to us.

Our values of Empathy, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility are at the heart of everything we do.

An exceptional academy



Developing skills in and out of the classroom

Our curriculum is underpinned by the National Curriculum, which sets out the programmes of study which our pupils cover in their classes.

However, when we talk about successful Akroydon pupils, we aim to develop each child's special skills, talents and interests – including the provision of an appropriate educational programme for all pupils with special educational needs.

Pupils are encouraged to participate in many memorable experiences during their time at the academy, which will enthuse and interest them, such as sports, science, drama, dance and the arts.



Forest School



We are delighted to offer pupils at Trinity Academy Akroydon the remarkable learning opportunities presented by a Forest School – right in the heart of our academy grounds.

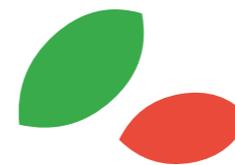
Our Forest School encourages children to appreciate and enjoy the outdoor environment. Engaging in Forest School activities gives our pupils the freedom to explore and experience the natural world in all seasons and all weathers. It is an ideal environment to work co-operatively with others, solve problems, be creative and develop independence. In the Forest School, we use natural resources for inspiration, and these allow children to get involved in a wide range of activities, such as pond dipping, den and raft building and observing wildlife.

Uniform

Pupils at Trinity Academy Akroydon are expected to wear their uniform to a high standard. This reflects their pride in being part of our academy community, and is important preparation for secondary school, and beyond that, the workplace.

Parents and carers have an important part to play in ensuring that their child arrives each day in full uniform. We are grateful for the support of our parents, and their understanding that our children really do take pride in their uniform, as detailed in the table below:

Girls	Boys
Akroydon tie	Akroydon tie
Red Akroydon cardigan or Akroydon V-neck jumper	Red Akroydon V-neck jumper
White collared shirt, long or short sleeved	White collared shirt, long or short sleeved
Grey skirt/grey pinafore dress/ grey trousers	Grey trousers
White socks or grey/red/black tights	White/black socks
Red and white checked dress (summer term only)	Grey shorts (summer term only)
Black school shoes	Black school shoes



Admissions

Nursery Admissions

We have a 32 place Nursery and provide 15 hours of nursery education free of charge. Children may attend any five of our morning or afternoon sessions which are all three hours long, subject to availability. Parents may purchase additional sessions if required, again subject to availability.

The academy itself allocates places in the Nursery. Parents wishing to apply for a place in our Nursery should contact the academy no later than January in order for their child to start in September. Please note that children are admitted to the Nursery in the school year in which they become four years old.

All parents of children to be admitted to the Nursery are invited to a virtual open evening giving them and their child an opportunity to see the Nursery before admission.

Reception Admissions

Our admission number is up to 30. Parents wishing to apply for a place in Reception should fill in an online Calderdale Admissions Form by 16th January 2021 prior to admission in September 2021.

There is also a virtual open evening for Reception parents and their children where they have the opportunity to meet the staff and see the Reception unit.

Years 1 – 6 Admissions

Parents of children in Years 1 to 6 wishing to join the academy are invited to make an appointment to visit. An application form is available from the academy office and completed forms can be returned to Trinity Academy Akroydon itself or to Calderdale Education Department. The application will then be considered at the fortnightly North Halifax or Central Halifax BAC panel meeting.





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