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An Introduction to **Sixth Form**



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Equipping pupils with the life skills to handle whatever comes their way has always been a fundamental part of the first-class all-round education we provide. The recent past has reinforced what we have always known at Trent College – that the ability to adapt to change is key and a strong, supportive school community is essential for pupil wellbeing and success.

Young people must develop the skills, confidence and self-awareness to flourish in the face of new challenges and experiences. Through breadth of opportunity and depth of care, we prepare our pupils to achieve and ultimately succeed in the ever-changing world that lies beyond Trent College.

We are committed to delivering the highest possible academic outcomes for every individual, while also supporting physical, creative, spiritual and emotional development.

Continual investment in facilities, from a state-of-the-art Food & Nutrition Suite to a University-style Sixth Form Centre, enhances the first-class education we provide.

Significant recent improvements to our boarding facilities mean that our thriving community of boarders at Trent enjoy beautifully furnished single and twin rooms and cosy social spaces. Boarding pupils benefit from extended access to academic staff for homework support, an excellent activity programme, and experiences that will develop their confidence and independence.

We are delighted to welcome you on a visit to Trent College and give you an insight into what makes a Trent education the right choice for your child.

Bill Penty, Head of Trent College

What Makes Our Sixth Form Special



- ✓ We offer a really wide range of subjects and allow you to take almost any combination you like.
- ✓ There are lots of opportunities for you to take on responsibilities and adopt one of 75 leadership roles - all good preparation for work or university.
- ✓ We treat you as an individual, giving you the guidance and encouragement you need to excel and meet your own personal potential.
- ✓ The careers guidance and university support available ensure you are fully prepared to achieve your personal goals.
- ✓ There is a great balance between providing structure and support, whilst allowing you independence and freedom.
- ✓ Trent College continues to invest in new facilities, including Wortley Sixth Form Centre improvements, science building refurbishments, sports pitch development and careers hub, to create an excellent learning environment.
- ✓ Our diary of events includes visiting speakers, politicians, careers advisors and business professionals to broaden your horizons and give you an advantage in later life.

I invite you to explore everything that we have on offer, investigate the right pathway for you, and make a positive choice to join us for an exciting and rewarding next step.

Mr Paul Mayfield
Head of Sixth Form

Our Campus

- ✓ Wonderful physical environment to inspire and focus
- ✓ Easy to access from major road networks and an extensive bus service
- ✓ Continual programme of investment
- ✓ University-style Sixth Form Centre
- ✓ Upgraded science laboratories
- ✓ Specialist Food & Nutrition suite
- ✓ Careers and Higher Education Centre
- ✓ Modern and homely boarding houses
- ✓ Contemporary drama spaces
- ✓ FIH Quality National Certified premier Astro-turf pitch
- ✓ Beautiful library in the heart of the school
- ✓ Spacious music recital room
- ✓ Fully equipped theatre
- ✓ Inspirational art studios & photography darkroom
- ✓ University-style lecture theatre



Whole School

- Bottom Field**
Grass Sports Pitches
- Chapel**
Trent and Elms Assemblies
- Main Gate**
Vehicle and Pedestrian Access
- The Prince Obolensky**
Whole School Dining
Sports Changing
Food & Nutrition
- Swimming Pool**
- Medical Centre**

Trent College

- Art & Design**
- Biology**

- Main School**
Administration
Library
Careers
Day Pupil Social Hub
- Kelvin**
Computing
Geography
Business Studies
Economics
- Maltby**
MFL Languages
- May Hall**
Performance Theatre
- Music**
- The Rep**
Drama
- Science**
Chemistry and Physics

- Sports Centre**
Sports Hall
Performance Gym
Sports Administration
Sports Changing
- Sprakes Studio**
Sixth Form Art
- Swallow**
English and Maths
IT Support
Thai Lecture Theatre
- Teaching Annex**
- Top Field**
Grass Sports Pitches
- Turner Field**
Grass Sports Pitches
- Warner**
Computing

- Wortley**
Sixth Form Centre
Religious Studies
- Catterns Astro Turf**
All Weather Pitch
- Lower School Courts**
Netball/Tennis Courts
- Quarry Astro Turf**
All Weather Pitch

Boarding House

- Martin House**
Girls Boarding
- Shuker House**
Boys Boarding

The Wortley Centre

Sixth Form students are welcomed into the modern Wortley Centre. It is designed to be both collaborative and flexible, reflecting the way students study today. The Centre is a place for learning and recreation, where students can be independent and benefit from their own space whilst still being a part of the whole school community.

Modelled on university facilities, the refurbished building fulfils all our students' needs in a contemporary setting. Fully equipped classrooms and separate study spaces, alongside a well-stocked resource area, provide an optimum Sixth Form learning environment. In between lessons and study time, students are able to socialise with friends in a variety of social areas and enjoy a selection of food and drinks in the Ivy Café.



All within the Wortley Centre, Sixth Formers have access to:



Computer
suite



Meeting
rooms



Common
room



Ivy
Café



Dedicated
lockers



Changing
room space





Academic Life in Sixth Form



Mr Darren Brumby
Deputy Head (Academic)

The Sixth Form is the most exciting stage of a student's school career. For the first time, they have total control over which subjects they want to study and success in those subjects will determine the next stage of their career.

With 25 A level and two BTEC subjects to choose from, students can craft their own learning journey around their unique aspirations. Nearly all students will study three A level courses. A few students take on four A levels, whilst others pursue a BTEC course. All our students also have access to a broader academic, active and enriching co-curriculum designed to develop the whole person and to evidence their passions beyond the classroom.

Every Sixth Form journey is unique. If you have the potential for straight A*s, we'll help you get there whilst ensuring everyone achieves the best they are capable of. Our broad curriculum can be tailored to your needs.

Our teachers are experts in their fields who are passionate about their subjects. Lessons combining interactive learning with real-world application bring education to life. We enable first-class teaching with modern classrooms and high quality facilities, creating a learning environment where students can flourish.

The Extended Project Qualification

The EPQ is an independently researched and executed project assessed by AQA. Completed successfully, it is worth more than half an A level in equivalent UCAS points. The EPQ provides a formal framework for wider reading and research in a defined area of interest, which pupils can refer to in UCAS applications. It is our expectation that every Year 12 student will submit an EPQ project proposal.

Subject Options

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| • Art | • English Literature | • Music |
| • Biology | • Combined English Language and English Literature | • Photography |
| • Business Studies | • French | • Physical Education |
| • Business BTEC | • Geography | • Physics |
| • Chemistry | • German | • Politics |
| • Computer Science | • History | • Psychology |
| • Design and Technology | • Mathematics | • RS: Philosophy and Ethics |
| • Drama and Theatre Studies | • Further Mathematics | • Spanish |
| • Economics | | • Sports BTEC |



Please download a copy of our Curriculum Guide for more insight into each subject

Co-Curricular Activities

Opportunities to pursue new interests and excel beyond the curriculum are an essential part of a Trent College education. Our extensive activities programme takes place from 16:15 to 17:30, Monday to Friday, with many clubs also running at lunchtime.

Music

Music brings together students from across the school community and promotes valuable skills such as discipline, hard work and creativity. We encourage every pupil to experience the joy of creating music, whether that is through one-to-one tuition or school ensembles. A variety of ensembles meet at lunchtimes and after school, providing young musicians with exciting performance and development opportunities.

Drama

All students can showcase their talent through our diverse programme of drama and musical productions. Roles behind the scenes, from tech to scenery, also offer creative opportunities beyond acting. Drama at Trent caters to all abilities and experience levels.



Sport

Trent has a long-standing sporting reputation at regional and national level. Students have two Games sessions per week, including a full afternoon of Sport. Our sports are categorised as Performance, Progression and Participation. Those involved in Performance Sports benefit from specialist coaching and all students can look forward to competing against other schools in Saturday fixtures.

Performance: A commitment to participation in local, regional and national competitions. There are regular fixtures.

Progression: A commitment to developing skills in our Performance sports. There may be some mid-week fixtures.

Participation: A commitment to engaging positively during all sports sessions.

Performance Sports	Michaelmas	Lent	Trinity
Boys	Rugby	Hockey	Cricket & Tennis
Girls	Hockey	Netball	Cricket & Tennis



There are over 75 positions of responsibility and leadership for which students can and should apply in Sixth Form, including 58 different Prefect roles and positions in our boarding houses, sports teams, debating society, CCF and more.

Year 12 students are required to commit to a service activity with most of our students choosing to continue their activity through Year 13.

Community Leadership

There are several service opportunities available under this option. These include:

- Charity fundraising for Sport Relief or Comic Relief
- Joining the Amnesty International Youth Group
- Getting involved in the Model United Nations (MUNGA)
- Supporting co-curricular clubs and activities at Trent and The Elms

Charity Team

This service activity focuses on supporting and promoting Trent’s three nominated charities: Operation Orphan, Canaan Trust and our Kenya Schools Partnership.

Community Service

This service option involves supporting the lives of elderly people in our local community and assisting local primary schools with their activity programmes.

- Others Initiatives
- Trent Environmental Team
- Lifesaving
- Buddy Reading
- House Event Management
- CCF (previous experience required)

Debating and Oxbridge

Academic co-curricular activities promote the higher-level thinking and problem-solving abilities required to succeed at university. Students can represent Trent in competitive debating by joining the Senior Debating Society, while the Oxbridge Society is available from Year 10. These societies enable students with university ambitions to work towards their academic goals with additional specialist support and guidance.



More Opportunities, More Choice

- Apprenticeship Group
- Book Club
- Cooking
- Creative Writing
- Cultural Diversity Forum
- Debating Society
- Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
- Economics Society
- EngSoc
- Game of Loans
- Investment Society
- Literary Society
- MedSoc
- Microbiology Club
- Psychology Society
- Robotics/Coding
- Trent Traders Business
- VetSoc

Example list of co-curricular activities. Actual list will vary each term.

Expert Careers Guidance

At Trent College we provide tailored careers guidance throughout the school journey, and that support is essential in Sixth Form. Our dedicated Careers Hub is the ideal setting for future planning, where students can conduct their own research and access professional advice. Our expert careers staff help students decide which route is best for them and ensure they are fully equipped to achieve their goals.

We are committed to supporting our students as they prepare for the next stage, whatever that may be. For university, we guide both student and parent through the UCAS process and applications for overseas universities. We also provide support for alternate routes, such as degree-level apprenticeships, and assist with CV writing and interviews.

The Academic Forum offers specialist support for students with Oxford or Cambridge University ambitions, from interview practice to application advice.

Our Careers Speaker Programme introduces students to new career possibilities through engaging talks from guest speakers. Representatives from national and international universities visit Trent to inform and inspire students about Higher Education.



Learning Support

The Learning Support Department offers support to Sixth Form students who require advice or tuition in areas of difficulty. Students may refer themselves or referrals may be made by staff or parents. New students with previous assessment results should send this information to the Learning Support Department. The Head of Learning Support will liaise with parents, teachers, professional advisers and the student themselves to create an effective support plan for learning difficulties.

Easily Accessible

We understand busy modern families and we strive to ensure we offer solutions that make us as accessible as possible. This includes the structure of the school day, boarding options and assistance with logistics via our comprehensive bus service.

Optimising the School Day

School is open to pupils for longer than the standard learning hours. Pupils can arrive from 08:00 and stay until 17:40 if they choose. They can participate in supervised prep time or explore new interests in our exciting Co-curricular programme from 16.15 to 17.30 when the buses depart.

Overnight Opportunities

Our boarding programme has an option to suit every family. Boarding is not just for families who live far from school, over 80% of our Flexi & Weekly boarders live within a 45 minute drive time.

Boarding Activities

There is a diverse activity programme in place for our boarders ranging from bingo nights and food festivals to theme park trips and talent shows. Flexi and weekly boarders can join the weekend programme for a small fee.



5 Benefits of Boarding

- ✓ **Gain independence and a wider world perspective** The life skills you learn through boarding with like-minded peers from across the UK and the wider world will help you go further in education and beyond.
- ✓ **Full, flexi and weekly boarding balance school life with family time** Weekly boarders stay at Trent on school days and go home at weekends. Flexi boarders stay at school 2 or 3 nights per week.
- ✓ **Access to extra support & set homework time** Allocated time for prep ensures our boarders get homework in on time. A number of subject teachers are on hand to provide extra support.
- ✓ **Plenty of time to relax & socialise** With travelling time saved, boarders have more opportunity to unwind in the evenings. Exciting weekend activities provide fun on and off campus.
- ✓ **Make friendships that last a lifetime** When you join the Trent boarding community, you become part of our boarding family and share experiences and memories to cherish.

| Scholarships

Scholarships are available upon entry to Sixth Form in Academia, Art, Choral, Drama, Music and Sport. Academic scholarships at Year 12 are awarded to students with an excellent academic record at GCSE (minimum of eight GCSEs at Grade 7, 8, 9 (A* to A), with at least 4 being 8-9/A* grades).

Scholars will pursue breadth and depth in their academic study and develop and demonstrate the skills of an independent learner. Scholars lead their peers by example in the academic sphere, displaying an attitude in class, and towards their studies, which is exemplary.

Please advise us upon completion of the registration form if you would like to apply for a scholarship.

Scholarships awarded on entry to Trent College attract a discount off tuition (day) fees. Further financial assistance *may* be available through the Trent College bursary scheme, dependent upon family financial circumstances.



| Our Bus Network

Our extensive school bus routes make Trent College a possibility for families across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. With over 100 stops on the network, pupils from Year 3 at The Elms through to Sixth Form at Trent enjoy a high level of service and reliability.

Our Bus Routes are:

- CALVERTON ROAD
- KINOULTON
- LITTLEOVER
- LOWDHAM
- MANSFIELD

Quality Assured Services

The service is operated in partnership with Skills of Nottingham who ensure daily drivers provide a friendly welcome for pupils boarding their coaches. Being fully-qualified and DBS checked, parents can rest assured that their children will have safe and enjoyable journeys.



Scan here for details of the stops, times and prices.

| Next Steps

Choosing the right school or college for 16+ education is a big decision, so our aim is to provide you with all the support and information you need, every step of the way.

We pride ourselves on getting to know each student as an individual, helping you imagine your future at Trent College, and giving you the confidence to take this step on your educational journey.

Options Information Evening

In November each year we host a bespoke evening allowing students to speak to teachers from every subject area and giving a detailed view of life in Trent Sixth Form. Check our website for dates.

Taster Days

We can offer students Taster Days throughout the year. A Taster Day would typically include attending Sixth Form lessons in your chosen subjects, having lunch and getting to know the campus, as well as having your interview.

Applications

Applications should be made during the Autumn or Spring terms, prior to entry in September 2026. Late applications can be accepted, but may not be eligible to apply for a Scholarship. We will request a reference from the current school. Interviews and Scholarship Assessments will take place on individually arranged dates to suit each applicant. Offers will be made within one week of the assessments, and are conditional upon achieving the necessary GCSE results to access the chosen A level or BTEC courses. The acceptance deadline will be four weeks after the offer date.

Interview

All applicants will be invited for a 1:1 interview with a member of staff. This enables us to properly get to know each individual, and helps us not only determine the offer of a place, but also to prepare for their transition to Trent College.

| Admissions



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Formal applications for a place at Trent College should be made via our online registration form. Scan here

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