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Trinity College was founded in 1555, and, as a result, some of the buildings are fairly old and therefore not fully accessible. However, Trinity is committed to making sure that the college is accessible and welcoming to both disabled students and visitors. Many adjustments to the physical environment have already been put in place, and there are plans for further development to ensure that Trinity is as accessible as possible.

The following is a brief guide to accessibility in Trinity. If you have any specific questions, please contact Trinity Lodge, who will be able to either provide the necessary information or put you in contact with the relevant person.

### **Trinity's plans for the future:**

The Levine Building, is being constructed which will be completed by summer 2021. The building will have two new lifts to make it accessible at each level. The Levine Building will provide a large number of new bedrooms, all of which will be accessible and have en-suite shower rooms, and 6-8 of which will be specified for disabled people. The walls will also be strong enough to allow hoist mechanisms to be built, if necessary. There will be a new step-free Library reception area, linking to both the upper and lower floor of the library using a new platform lift. The Levine Building has plans for the building of a café, which could provide an informal space for working – this would also be fully accessible. There will be two new disabled toilets on the ground floor level of the Levine Building and a Changing Places toilet provided alongside the toilets located at the basement.

### **Lodge contact details:**

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Email: [lodge@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:lodge@trinity.ox.ac.uk)

### **Locations in Trinity:**

**Trinity Lodge** is the main entrance to the college. It is located on Broad Street and is accessible via ramp access. Trinity has a wheelchair which can be provided when necessary.

**Dolphin yard** opens onto St Giles. The small gate is heavy and requires a high step up, but the big gates can be opened for disabled students by the lodge (via the intercom).

**The back gate** opens onto Parks Road. It is two steps up to the door and a further step onto the pavement.

**Accommodation** - There are 2 on-site rooms which are fully equipped with level access, red cords and a disabled ensuite – staircase 3 rooms 1 and 2. There is also another disabled access room - 6.4. These can also be equipped with shaker fire alarms for deaf/HoH people. The Pig and Whistle is a room with an accessible toilet, and can provide temporary accommodation for those with temporary injuries – although it is not possible to install a permanent ramp to the Pig and Whistle (owing to the design of the building), there is a temporary ramp which can be provided if necessary. Staircase 6's ground floor rooms, and the accessible rooms in staircase 3 mentioned above are level access, all other onsite accommodation must be accessed by at least one step.

**Library** - Trinity Library is an old building, and access is therefore somewhat limited. It is also involved in the new building works which has further limited accessibility temporarily. There is no level access and space within the library is also narrow particularly in the upper library. However, much of the reading material can be found online, through SOLO, and provisions can be made for disabled students on a case by case basis. Our librarian will be alerted of any specific requirements that disabled students might have by the University Disability Librarian. It may be possible for the librarian to deliver the books, or for a friend to fetch them by using the 'proxy' setting, which means that they will be on the account of the student, not the proxy. For severely visually impaired students, an assistant can help scan journal articles and book chapters to use with speech reading software. The Disability Librarian alerts the Trinity Librarian in advance so that they have time to put any provision for larger print etc. in place. There is not currently a hearing loop system in the library. If you have any more specific questions about Trinity Library, please contact our librarian, Sharon Cure ([sharon.cure@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sharon.cure@trinity.ox.ac.uk)) who will be happy to help.

**Lawns Pavilion** – The Lawns Pavilion is a temporary building which is currently functioning as an extra work space for the library during its renovation. It also has a meeting space and can be used for music practice. The building has step-free

access via a ramp, although the doors are not motorised and are somewhat heavy. There is a disabled toilet in the building.

**JCR (Junior Common Room)** - The JCR is located at the base of staircase 7. It has level access, but there are two fairly heavy doors (one of which is almost always propped open), and no electric door opener.

**Trinity Hall** has level access, but the doors do not have an electric door opener. It is possible for wheelchair users to sit in hall, but the canteen is fairly narrow and therefore may not be accessible to wheelchair users. Trinity Hall is equipped with a hearing loop system.

**Trinity JCR Kitchen** has level access, but no electric door opener. It contains four ovens with hobs, a microwave, grill, and kettle. College may also be able to provide a microwave to disabled students who cannot access the canteen.

**Accessible Toilets** - There is a disabled toilet on the ground floor, next to staircase 7 accessed from outside.

**The Beer Cellar** is located underground and is currently only accessible via some steep stairs. Low lighting.

The **Chapel** has level access but no electric doors, although the doors are often propped open for services.

The **Nurse's Office** is located in staircase 1. It is on the ground floor, but there are 2 steps into the staircase – however, the temporary ramp can be used to allow access. The nurse will be able to come to your room if you cannot access the office. The GP also comes to Trinity on Wednesdays, which means that students wanting to see a GP do not have to travel to the health centre.

**Laundry** is accessed from the outside at the side of staircase 7 via a heavy door up a small ramp.

**The Sutro room** is on the first floor of staircase 7 and is used for functions, teaching, and music practice. It is accessible via lift. There is currently no electric door opener, but the door is often propped open.

**The Pig and Whistle** is accessed by a single stair (although a temporary ramp is available) and a fairly narrow door. There is an accessible toilet. This room contains a temporary wheelchair, which can be provided upon request.

**The Fletcher Room** is located underground and currently only accessible via some steep stairs, from staircase 14.

**Working spaces** - Every bedroom in Trinity is equipped with a desk (in accessible rooms, this desk is often also mobile). Trinity Library also has desks and spaces for working, with plugs for laptop chargers. The lawns building has a designated work area with desks and plug sockets. Many students also choose to work in external libraries or in a more informal setting, such as cafés. See below for information on out-of-college accessible restaurants and cafés.

**Teaching spaces** - owing to the age of some Trinity buildings, some are inaccessible, but tutors will always move lessons to an accessible room if necessary.

**Sports and gyms** – Trinity has two gyms. One is at the bottom of a steep flight of stairs under staircase 14 and contains mostly cardio equipment. The other is accessed via dolphin yard and has level access. It is a combination of weights, some cardio equipment, and an open space for other activities. There are several other gyms near Trinity which may be more accessible, and the University Sports Centre is generally accessible, including a swimming pool with a mobility lift (if necessary, Trinity may be able to consider subsidising membership fees to the Oxford University Sports Centre).

**IT** - WiFi access is available across college through eduroam. The IT Technician's office is down a steep set of stairs in staircase 14 but the technician is contactable via email ([alastair.johnson@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alastair.johnson@trinity.ox.ac.uk)).

### **Accessibility around Oxford**

Trinity is centrally located, and there are many restaurants, cafés, pubs, bars and fast food places around. It is also only several minutes away from a large Tesco Metro. Oxford City County Council's accessible guide to Oxford includes information on accessible restaurants, pubs and bars, shops, leisure and sports facilities, museums, places of worship, banks etc. It also contains useful contacts, such as the Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and wheelchair suppliers and repair service. [https://www.oxford.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/1272/accessible\\_oxford\\_guide.pdf](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/1272/accessible_oxford_guide.pdf)

**Oxford Libraries** - There are a great number of libraries in Oxford, including the Bodleian (which is opposite Trinity) and faculty libraries. The accessibility of these can be found on the access guide below.

**Oxford University Access Guide** – contains information on accessibility of colleges, departments, libraries, sports, student services etc. <https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/access/>

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