

# Access - Grace Glevey

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## GOALS FOR THE YEAR

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I see the role of Access Officer both as working to encourage people from lower socio-economic backgrounds to apply, and to make sure these people are well supported during their time here. Day to day, I will keep on top of the organisation required for tours, open days, school visits and residentials. My larger goals include: standardising the process of applying to hardship funds (through forms); making the transition to university easier and fairer for students from lower socio-economic backgrounds (promoting book allowance, giving reading lists earlier, hosting offer-holder days); promoting the use of Skype interviews for International Students who otherwise couldn't afford the travel.

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## LENT 2019

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| Goals   | Progress   |
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| Put pressure on the Accommodation Office to reduce rent (at least for those in receipt of Cambridge and/ or Hardship Bursaries).        | Rent is more complex than I first realised. Trinity's policy is to keep themselves within the bottom third of all Colleges' prices, and has about 75% rent satisfaction (one of the highest). I think first off I'd need to do another comprehensive rent survey in order to move forward. |
| Increase the information on the Student Ambassador Moodle for school visits - powerpoints, exemplar emails, guide on when to visit etc. | I don't yet have authority to put things on the Moodle! We have all the materials ready to go, just waiting on someone in the Office to put them on.   |
| Organise the Easter Holiday Residential(s).   | This is ongoing but recruitment is being done through the Student Ambassador Moodle.   |
| Communicate desire to standardise the application process for hardship funds to Tutorial.   | School's Liaison Officers are very on board with this. Next step is to format some sample forms and guidelines.  |

Summary: I'm really happy that the main focus of my work this term has been on current disadvantaged students at Trinity. I started the drop-in sessions for the political roles of TCSU, and had some important feedback at mine so these are set to continue. Some key things we've been discussing Offer Holder Days (even residential), Long Vacation Accommodation, a BME Open Day, having a better flagging system for Tutorial for students from disadvantaged backgrounds to promote more considered welfare. I want other students to know that Trinity have a really strong, proactive department for Access and Admissions. We've generated a lot of ideas this term, had some important conversations, and my hope is that over the vacation and start of next term we can start to see some of these things being implemented.